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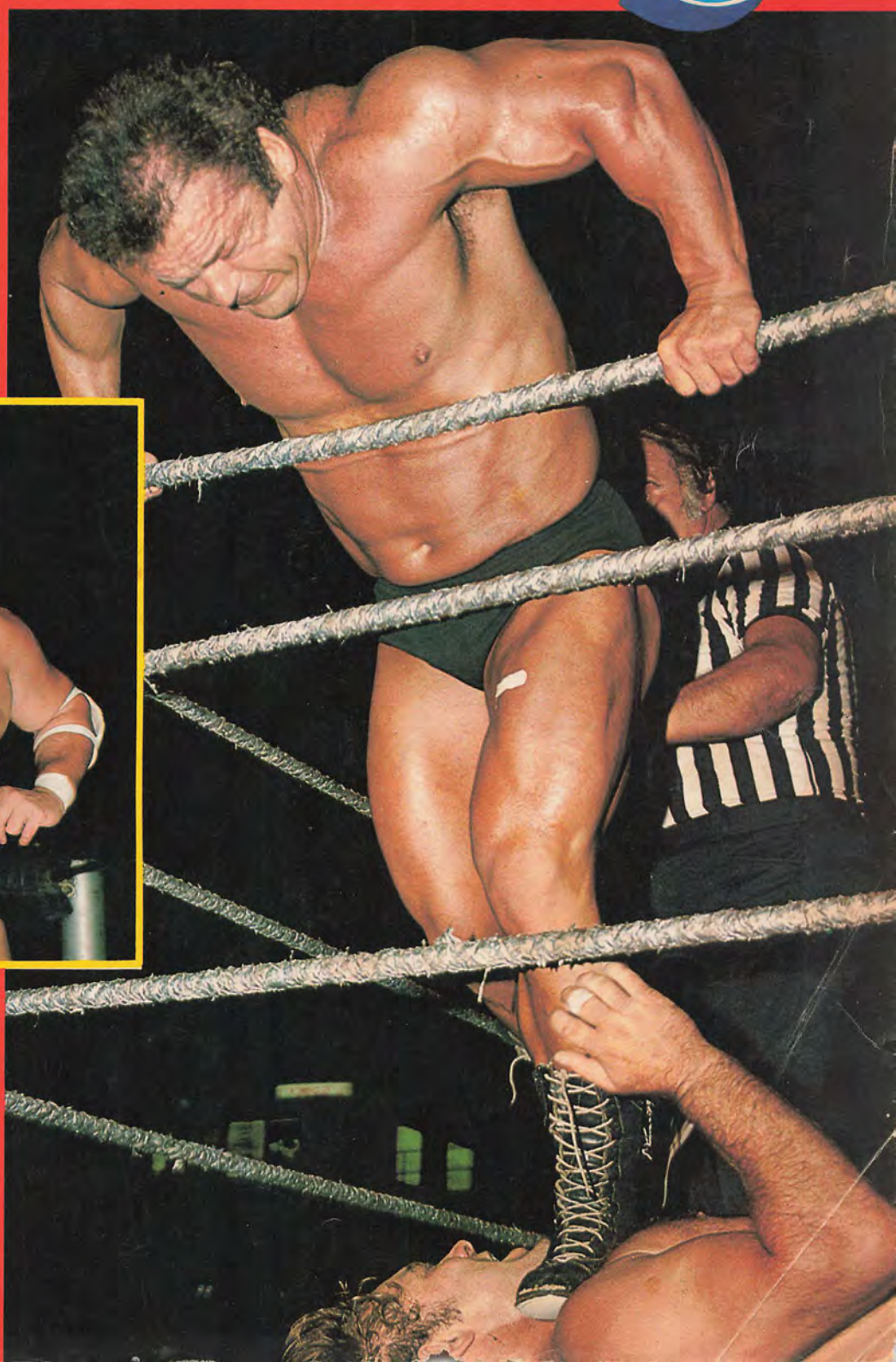


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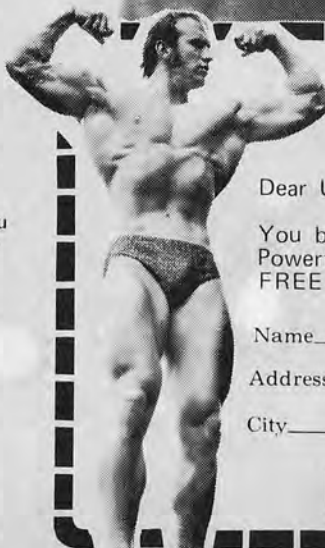
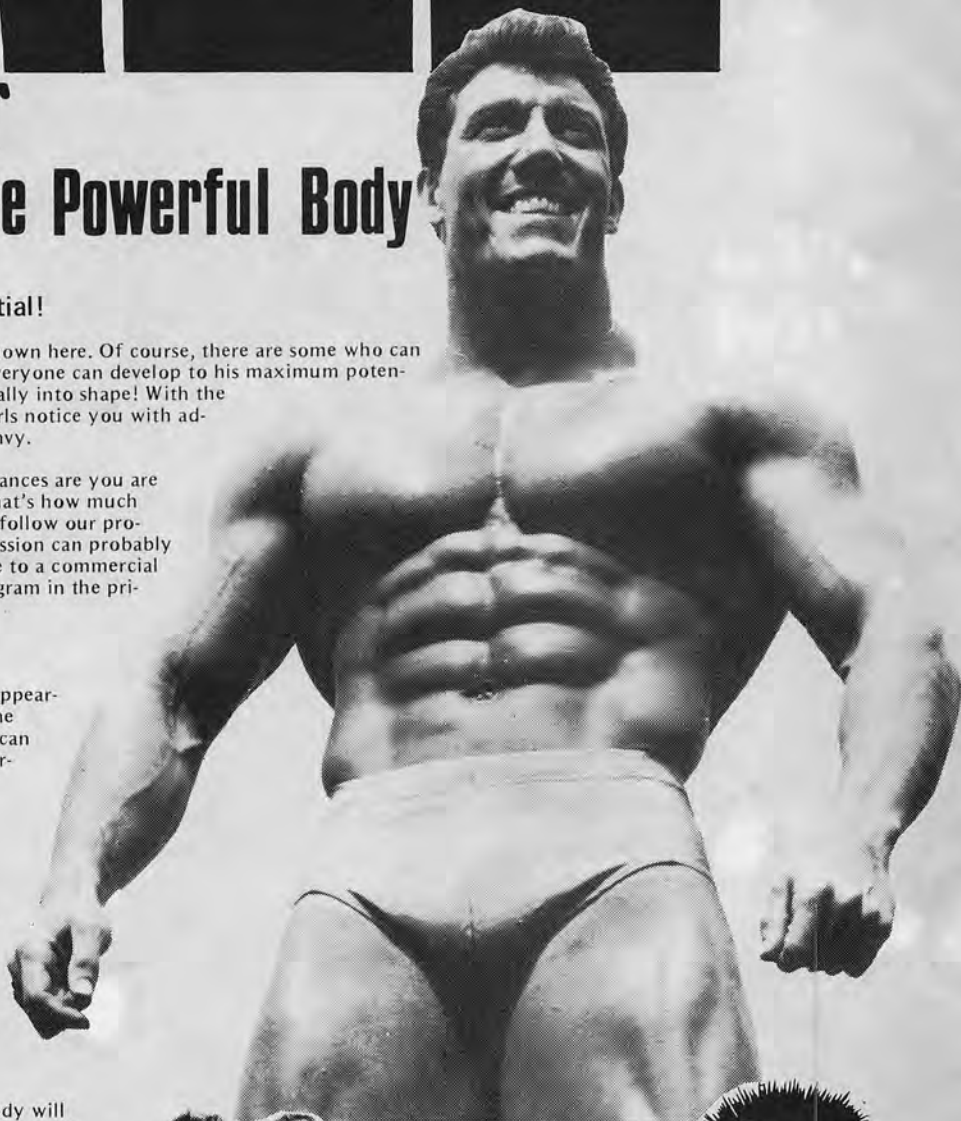
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Peter
King

Editor-in-Chief

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"I had to teach him a lesson," an exhausted Sammartino told me later in the Shea Stadium dressing room. "This was to be an example for everyone. Treachery can only succeed for a short time. In the long run, the Judases of this world pay dearly for their sins."

The door to Zbyszko's dressing room was locked for more than 25 minutes after the match ended. When he opened the door, Zbyszko was showered, dressed, and surprisngly calm.

"So, he won. Tonight. Big deal. How many more victories has he got left? You watch. He's finished. He's on the downslide. Geez, I know I took a lot out of him tonight. He'll never be the same."

Zbyszko's words were delivered slowly and deliberately. He claimed no alibis, offered no excuses, looked for no scapegoats. Except one.

"You guys wanna know why I lost," he said, his voice beginning to rise in volume and intensity. "The reason is that SOB Tony Garea. How could I concentrate on Bruno when I'm busy thinking how I'm gonna destroy Garea."

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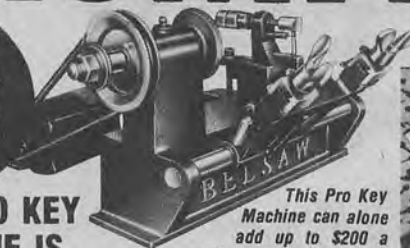
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Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu
Saks



THE ARROGANCE and cockiness that Nick Bockwinkel usually displays in the ring before a match, along with his AWA championship belt, were not there. The AWA champion had a sickly, worried look in his eyes.

Nick Bockwinkel can rant and rave all he wants about how Verne Gagne allegedly choked the title away from him, but he knows it's not true, and every fan should know the same.

The man who sat in Nick Bockwinkel's dressing room in Chicago's Comiskey Park two hours before the historic bout was not Nick Bockwinkel. Or at least not the Nick Bockwinkel we have all come to know over the years. There was no pre-bout predictions, no boasts. He just went about his stretching routine slowly, mindlessly, and sat down on a bench, head slumped, back arched. "I don't like wrestling outdoors," he mumbled.

Though he was unusually subdued, he did not appear to be ill. To me, he look frightened. And I'm sure Bobby Heenan sensed the same thing because the manager made a big fuss and had all the press removed from the dressing room.

While the press was gone, the champion made a startling statement, which was passed on to me and confirmed by more than one source. It was less than one hour before match time. Heenan and Bockwinkel talked privately for a half hour in the champion's dressing room. Finally, Nick stormed through the door, slammed it shut, took a few steps, and then returned to the room to shout the startling

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(In last month's column, Gary Morgenstein was lured to a warehouse by a man posing as Buggy McGraw. In that warehouse, Morgy saw McGraw tied up and surrounded by Sir Oliver Humperdink and his fiendish band of roguish wrestlers.)

DON MURACO STEPPED behind an empty vat of pickels, folded his arms, and laughed. Bad Bad Leroy Brown straightened his folds of fat and clamped a meaty paw on my right shoulder, stiffening me. Ivan Koloff paced before the bound and gagged Buggy McGraw. And Sir Oliver Humperdink moved his squat, fat body before me, glowering.

"Scared, Morgy?" Humperdink smirked.

"No," I said, trembling and wishing I'd stayed in law school.

"You're the famous inquisitive writer, risking life and death to get to the truth, well, here's the truth, four-eyes," Humperdink said, gesturing toward McGraw. Buggy tensed, strained and tried to free himself, instead tipping the chair over and rolling around on the dirty floor.

"You got a lot of nerve," I snapped.

"What you say, boy?" Brown squeezed my shoulder, causing enough pain for all my dead ancestors to float before my eyes.

"I got nerve?" shrieked Humperdink. "You print those foul lies and I got nerve? You got nerves, Morgy, and we're gonna take care of you."

Muraco and Koloff angled toward me. I tried to imagine what Batman would do, realized my cape was in the cleaners, and I could only hope it didn't hurt too much.

"You must be wonderin' why we went through all this just to convince you to come down here," said Humperdink.

"Deceiving and almost kidnapping me isn't convincing," I

retorted. "Besides, I won't listen to anything until you release him," I pointed at McGraw, squirming and moaning on the floor. Humperdink nodded and Koloff released McGraw. Instantly, Buggy lunged at Koloff and they grappled on the ground until Muraco and Brown parted the two men.

"I'll get you, Humperdink," shouted McGraw, held by Brown. The rotund manager merely chuckled.



Sir Oliver Humperdink went to extreme measures to get Associate Editor Gary Morgenstein to hear his complaints about the press.

"Morgy, I want to talk to you," Humperdink took my elbow and led me off to the side. We sat on cartons of pickled herring. "You think I'm a real creep, don't you?" I nodded and Humperdink reddened. "Well, I'm not, just that my side of things is never printed. You ever write anything nice about me?"

"Nothing to write," I snapped.

"Hah, see that's the sort of biased reporting I get from you guys. I'm a wonderful person, really."

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Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan
Shocket

IT ISN'T EASY to shock me. I've seen many of the most brutal matches in wrestling history. I'm not the kind of guy who screams bloody murder when someone goes a little out of bounds. Recently, however, I was shocked.

There is shame on the heads of Kevin Sullivan and Stan Hansen, two thugs whom the fans adore. With the courage of goons, they waltzed onto a television interview carrying baseball bats. My first thought, that they'd taken up a sport at which they might be competent, was quickly dispelled. They brandished these weapons recklessly.

"Get the Assassins over here!" Hansen screamed, his courage coming from 40 ounces of hard wood. "We want the Assassins!"

Sullivan equalled his partner's brilliant dialogue and sportsmanlike behavior. The fans, instead of being disgusted by this raw brutality, cheered. The fans cheered! Animals in a pack have more sense.

There is no excuse for carrying baseball bats as weapons. It's against the

law. Sullivan and Hansen are guilty of assault. (Threatening violence is legally assault.) They should be put behind bars like any other common criminals. Is this their way to show they're tough. Armed goons aren't tough. They're despicable bullies.

If they really aren't afraid of the Assassins, why must they carry baseball bats? To me, it seems like an act of cowardice. If they really weren't afraid of the Assassins, Sullivan and Hansen would face the tag team champs unarmed. They'll lose 10 out of 10 times, of course, but at least they'd lose like men. By carrying the baseball bats into the interview area, they lost all hope of ever earning any respect.

For those who have followed Sullivan's career, it comes as no surprise. Kevin is a punk who long ago realized he had no skill or guts. His only talent was toadying to the fans. At the art of groveling, few are better than Sullivan. He's been smart enough not to challenge good wrestlers too often, building a career

on fans' sympathy for his incompetence.

He was too inoffensive to consider seriously, like somebody's retarded kid brother. Then, like a kid brother who longs to be a bully, he got Stan Hansen as a partner. Giddy from the knowledge Hansen will wage his battles for him, Sullivan struts how he imagined a man might. I'm sure it was his idea to carry the baseball bats, something he remembered from his days terrorizing school children (younger than he was, of course) for their candy.

Hansen should know better. A man doesn't resort to carrying baseball bats. It's sad to see a once great wrestler like Hansen running scared. Of course, fear is a smart thing to have when your partner is Kevin Sullivan. Still, no one forced Hansen to join forces with wrestling's wimp.

At least, the fans can now see what Sullivan and Hansen are really made of. Carrying a baseball bat, threatening opponents, is a

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Scientists experimenting with substances to aid hair growth report success.

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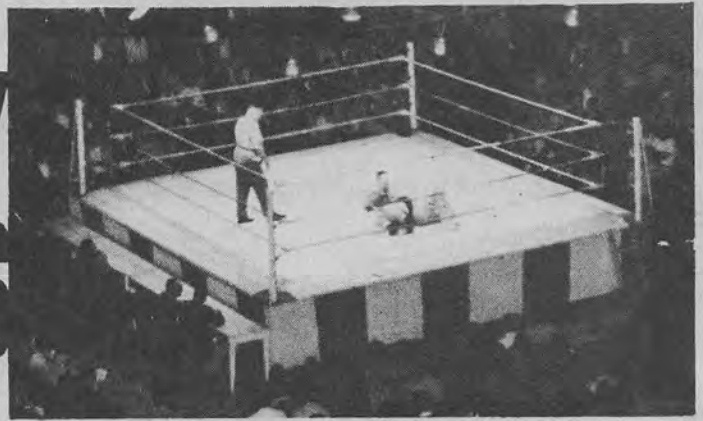
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PAID HIS DEBTS

Several months ago, when Ric Flair teamed with Rick Steamboat, everybody said he just couldn't last as a fan favorite. Everybody was doubtful, including *INSIDE WRESTLING*. When Flair offered his friendship to Blackjack Mulligan, the skeptical attitude started to fade away. When Flair drove Buddy Rogers from the Mid-Atlantic area, people started to say, "Give the man a chance."



Despite all the doubts, Ric Flair has proved to be worthy of the fans' support, writes David Dodsworth.

And when Flair turned his back on Greg Valentine, people knew he was really committed.

So we gave Ric a chance and he pledged his loyalty to us. Ric has come too far now to turn back and our support and faith really paid off.

DAVID DODSWORTH
Malvern, PA



Reader Glen Caurey accuses Associate Editor Dan Shocket of misusing the freedom of press guaranteed him in the Constitution. Bruno Sammartino speaks out against Shocket during a press conference.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

In the past few issues of *INSIDE WRESTLING*, I've read letters expressing rage and praise for Daniel Shocket.

I can only say that the freedom of the press has been greatly misappropriated in the hands of Daniel Shocket. The job of the news media is to tell it like it really happened. And you really should put yourself on the side of the fence where the grass grows healthiest. People who are good guys finish first.

Daniel, the truth is always best. But the way you do it is enough to make laughing hyenas cry. There is a Biblical verse that says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." The truth, Daniel, can make the difference of Heaven or Hell. The truth is always necessary and essential. Listen, Daniel. You may thank me later.

GLEN CAUREY
Lexington, MO

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By STEVEN FARHOOD



SCOOP OF THE MONTH

Andre the Giant almost missed the recent WWF extravaganza at Shea Stadium because he didn't want to miss his favorite television show, "Fantasy Island!"

"You know that show really

Andre has always been a big fan of TV. In fact, the Giant has appeared in several television shows as an actor.

turns me on," Andre said after his match against Hulk Hogan. "I never miss it on Saturday nights. I plan my schedule around it. On Saturday, they had to drag me out of my hotel room in New York City to take

me to Shea Stadium. It's the first time I've missed the show in three months."

The reason for Andre's love for the show? The Giant, like you and I, has his own fantasies in life.

"I have plenty of fantasies. A lot of people think that just because I'm Andre the Giant, I have everything I want. It's not true.

"I dream about being a handsome ballet dancer, touring Europe with delicate ballerinas and famous dance companies. I dream about being the leading man in the movies, especially on a Hollywood set, with Lana Turner by my side. And most of all, I dream about being a baseball player. I love baseball. I never got the chance to play it in Europe, but I think if I had the time, I could become a major leaguer. You know, I'm good friends with Tom Seaver, and he told me being a baseball player is fun. I'll bet it's easier than being a professional wrestler.

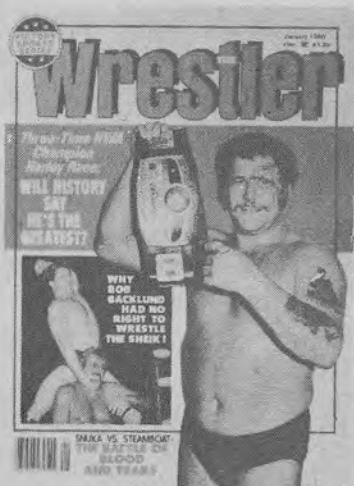
"I think about pitching against Catfish Hunter in the World Series. It's bases loaded in the ninth inning, and I'm pitching to Sal Bando. The count is three-and-two, and after he fouls off seven pitches, I strike him out, and 50,000 people go wild."

Just imagine: Andre the Giant on TV with Tattoo. Now, *that's* a fantasy!

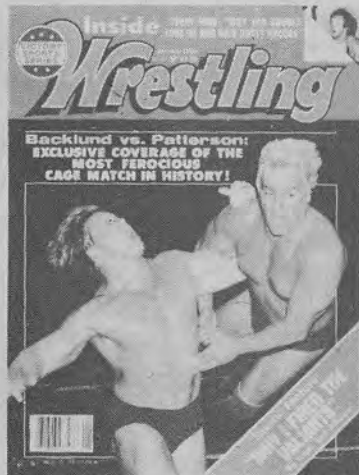
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A record crowd of 40,671 fans jammed into New York's Shea Stadium to witness one of the greatest cards in wrestling history. In the main-event BRUNO SAMMARTINO took on LARRY ZBYSZKO in a steel cage match. Bruno emerged victorious, but the feud is far from over.

On the same card, PEDRO MORALES and BOB BACKLUND won the WWF tag team belts from AFA and SIKI, THE



BRUNO SAMMARTINO

SAMOANS. Backlund and Pedro may have to give up the title though, because the WWF rules state that no man may hold more than one title in the Federation (as you know, Backlund is the heavy-weight champion of the WWF).

The AWA has had some turmoil in its tag team ranks. JESSE VENTURA and ADRIAN ADONIS were given the belts by default when Verne Gagne failed to keep a commitment to defend the title with MAD DOG VACHON. Verne was defending his single title in Europe and could not get back



GREG VALENTINE

to the States in time for the scheduled match against Ventura and Adonis.

The NWA title is now a dead issue as long as HARLEY RACE has the title, according to DUSTY RHODES. "I promised the people that if I did not win the title from Race at 'The Last Tangle in Tampa,' I would never wrestle him again for the title. I am a man of my word. Harley Race, you will never again get the opportunity to wrestle me as long as you have that belt. It's all over Jack!"

GREG VALENTINE moves into the number one NWA rating position this month following his win over RIC FLAIR for the United States Heavyweight championship. "I told everyone that Flair was easy pickins," boasted Valentine. "Well, I just proved that I was right." Flair contends that he will get the championship back from his ex-friend and see to it that Greg never gets the title again.

RAY CANDY is still smarting from the weapon KILLER KAHN hit him with during their match at

New Orleans' Superdome. "It's bad enough that he boots you with those gigantic feet of his," Candy says, "but when he adds to it with a weapon, that's going too far!"

... TERRY ORNDORFF, brother of PAUL ORNDORFF, is looking great in his southern battles ... TERRY GORDY and BUDDY ROBERTS are keeping busy defending their Louisiana tag team belts.

It was billed as "The Battle of the Heart Punch Experts." STAN STASIAK vs. OX BAKER. And when it was all over, only Stasiak stood. Baker contends he still has the best heartpunch. "We're not through with each other yet!" Baker swears ... Experts are keeping their eyes on MIKE DAVIS, who was recently named Georgia Rookie of the Year by the Wrestling Fans International Association.



KILLER KAHN

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THE ANDERSON BROTHERS, OLE, GENE, and LARS are at war—with each other! And DUSTY RHODES is the focal point of the dispute. During a tag team match, Ole turned on his partner, Dusty, and was joined in the assault by brother Gene. Into the ring charged brother Lars, presumably to aid in the family project. To the amazement of ringsiders (and to the sheer shock of Rhodes), Lars came into the ring to fight off his brothers. Ole and Gene now have sworn to eliminate their brother from the wrestling scene, even if they have to cripple him to do it!

As this column was about to go to press, we learned that JACK and JERRY BRISCO lost the Florida tag team championship to the team of IVAN KOLOFF and

NIKOLAI VOLKOFF, managed by SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK. "Russia has the belts now!" Humperdink told us. "It goes to show you that the men I bring from other lands are far superior to the competition they face" . . . Young BARRY WINDHAM has taken the Florida television championship from MR. SAITO . . . DICK SLATER has won a tournament to determine the new Southern champion (Dusty Rhodes relinquished the title several months ago).

CHAVO GUERRERO would like another chance to wrestle



TATSUMI FUJINAMI

WWF Jr. Heavyweight champion TATSUMI FUJINAMI. Also trying to get his hands on Fujinami is NWA Jr. Heavyweight champion LES THORNTON. "Fujinami has been ducking me for quite some time and it is about time he wrestled me," Thornton said. "I want him now."

In closing my column this issue, I want to discuss an incident that I think I have a right to sound off about. I was photographing the matches at Atlanta's Omni Auditorium a short while ago.



ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER

During the course of the evening, as I was doing my job, I was brutally attacked, for no apparent reason, by ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER. Besides causing me much pain (he headlocked me, knocked me to the floor, and kicked me before I could get away), he also broke a very valuable camera. When I asked his manager, THE GREAT MEPHISTO, for an explanation, he yelled, "nosy reporters get what is coming to them!" And then he left the room. I don't know what he means. I have never said anything that would upset either Abdullah or Mephisto, but I will now. I want them thrown out of wrestling.

Gentlemen, my war—in print—has just begun!

See you all next month! □

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, **WRESTLING** magazine changed its name to **BOXING & WRESTLING**. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.

DECEMBER 1951 Boxing—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month
Wrestling—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sander Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pet Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston \$25

JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts
Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londres vs. Shikat \$25

FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story
Wrestling—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings \$25

JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record
Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

JULY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Joe Baksi, Jess Willard, Manager Al Weil, Abe Attell, Danny Nardico, Fighters Are Human, Tex Rickard Story, Famous Filipinos, Norman Hayes, Ratings
Wrestling—Lord Blears, My Toughest Bouts by Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Texas Rasslin', Ratings, Ivan Kamiroff, It Began With Milo, Good Old Days \$25

AUGUST 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings
Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields
Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

OCTOBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings,

Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello
Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

APRIL 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Billy Graham vs. Joey Giardello, Tiger Jones vs. Johnny Bratton), Pat McMurry, Billy Mike, Ezzard Charles, Undeclared Johnny Saxton, Fidel LaBarba, Luis Firpo, Archie Moore Wins Title at Age 36, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack Dillon
Wrestling—Marvin Mercer, Matches of Month/ Record of Yukon Eric, Killer Kowalski vs. Yukon Eric, Man Mountain Dean, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Promoter Al Mayer, Trading Holds \$30

MAY 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White

Wrestling—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$30

OCTOBER 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month, Dan Baccaroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bets, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzoneri, Floyd Patterson, Charlie 'Phil' Rosenberg, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings
Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Johnny Barend, Ratings, Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Viann, Matches of Month, Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$30

DECEMBER 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nava, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz
Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin
Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

MARCH 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Ciqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tony Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez
Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nicks Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

MAY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Carter, Trainer Whitey Bimstein's Secrets, Pancho Villa's Life, Frankie Ryff, Ray Robinson's Comeback, Les Darcy, Charley Norkus, Max Baer Kayoes Max Schmeling, Bob Fitzsimmons, Quiz, Ratings, Barney Ross

Wrestling—Primo Carnera, Roy McClarity, Matches of Month, Southwest Champs, Great Scott, Killer Kowalski Strength Secrets, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up of Buddy Rogers \$20

JUNE 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Eduardo Lausse, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

JULY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nicks, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Tiger Joe Marsh, Matches of Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

AUGUST 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

Wrestling—'Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini \$25

SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

OCTOBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Hans Herman, Matches of Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears \$25

NOVEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoes Archie Moore, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? 'Bud' Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rufe Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Matches of Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

JANUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl—Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey

Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Ralph Dupas, Young Otto, Willie Pep, Billy Conn, Nonpareil Dempsey vs. George LaBlanche, Joe Miceli, Boxing Lesson, I.B.C., Freddie Steele, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Pepper Gomez, June Byers vs. Babs Wingo, Matches of Month, French Angel, Karl Davis, Best Rookies, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

MARCH 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. J. Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz
Wrestling—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of Month, Doc Gallagher Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

APRIL 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

MAY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Rocca, Ada Ash, Matches of Month, Old Timers, Prince Maivia, Wrestling Whirl, Jerry Graham, Red Bastien, Gossip \$25

JUNE 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe
Wrestling—'Hard Boiled' Haggerty, Wrestling Whirl, John Pesek, Killer Kowalski, Texas Hot Spot, Powerhouses, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Gossip \$25

JULY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell
Wrestling—Lord Blears, Matches of Month, Mexican Stars, Ramona TeSelle, Danno O'Mahoney, Wrestling Whirl, Roy Shire, TV Wrestling, Gossip \$25

AUGUST 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Peter Maher, Cherif Hamia, John Holman, Jess Willard's Life, Bucking TV, Johnny Summerlin, Joe Choyinski, Earl Mastro, Ratings, Bob Armstrong, Quiz, Gossip
Wrestling—George Drake, Wrestling Whirl, Chief Kit Fox, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 1), Why Wrestlers Bleach Their Hair, Bob Geigel, Gossip \$25

SEPTEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, 'Hurricane' Jackson, Will Marciano Fight Again? Mike McTigue, Bob Baker, Joey Giardello vs. Boxing Commission, Strange Anecdotes, Eddie Machen, Johnny Coulon, Paul Jorgensen, Terry McGovern vs. Oscar Gardner, Mike Gibbons, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Buddy Rogers, Whipper Watson Wins Title From Thesz, Art of Needling, Yvon Roberts (Part 2), Wrestling Whirl, Dot Dotson, Matches of Month, Dick Nelson, Questions & Answers \$25

OCTOBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Go, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Wrestling Whirl, Fred Blassie, Billy Varga's Wife, Dangers of Wrestling, Yvon Robert (Part 3), Matches of Month, Letters, Fan Club \$25

NOVEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Art Aragon, Mario D'Agata, Tony Anthony, King Levinsky's Life, Johnny Busso, Joe Louis vs. John Henry Lewis, Ken Overlin, Ratings, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Kid McCoy vs. Jim Stewart, Quiz
Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Around the Circuit, Slave Girl Moolah, Ratings, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 4), George Hubert, Fan Clubs, Letters \$25

DECEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Gene Fullmer, Jack Dempsey vs. Billy Miske, Harold Carter, Tex Class Fights, Jinx of College Fighters, Barney Ross vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Alex Miteff, Eddie 'Babe' Risko, Leonard Del Genio, Frank Battaglia, Ratings, Letters
Wrestling—John Paul Hennig, Wrestling Whirl, Rose Roman, Tag Team Situation, Matches of Month, Jim Wright, Bull Montana's Wife, Are Fans Crazy? Letters \$25

JANUARY 1957 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Fighter of Year, Mike Gibbons' Life, Predicting the Champs in 1957, Joe Brown, Greatest Lightweights of All Time, Stanley Ketchel, Boxing Lesson, Tommy Loughran beats Jim Braddock, Bill Brennan, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Carl Engstrom, Greatest Champions of All Time Bronko Nagurski, Matches of Month, Johnny Barend Wrestling Whirl, Tito Carreon, Comparing Old and New, Letters \$30

FEBRUARY 1957 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Ray Robinson, Tom Sayers vs. John C. Heenan, Larry Boardman, Jim Jeffries Life in Pictures, Marciano and Manager Al Weill, Jim Corbett vs. Bob Fitzsimmons, Spider Webb, Jack Johnson, Joey Giardello, Pancho Villa vs. Jimmy Wilde, Gordon Wallace, 25 Years Ago, The Fighter, By Back London (Fiction), Quiz, Letters, Pat Moran, Ratings
Wrestling—Letters, Girl Wrestling History, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month \$25

AUGUST 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Carmen Basilio, TV Boxing Kayoed? Tom Molyneux, Jimmy McLarnin kayoes Sid Terris, Willie Meehan Beats Jack Dempsey, Roland LaStarza, Can't Learn in Gym, Abe Attell, Billy Con's Life in Pictures, Walter Byars, Remember When Eddie Machen, Mike McTigue Today, Ratings, Critics Talk
Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Mr. Moto, Carlos Moreno, Fan Clubs \$35

SEPTEMBER 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Tony Anthony, Benny Leonard Kayoed by Frank Fleming, Alphonse Halimi, Peter Jackson, Willie Pastrano, Gene Tunney, Billy Ryan, Triple Header: Harry Greg beats Mickey Walker, Dave Shade Kayoes Jimmy Slattery, Harry Wills Stops Charley Weinert, 'Knockout Brown,' Tom Sayers, Stanley Ketchel's Life in Pictures, Critics Talk, Ratings
Wrestling—Wrestlers Highest Paid, Killer Kowalski, Results of Month, Hard Boiled Haggerty, Letters, Fan Clubs, Facts Behind Wrestling Boom \$35

DECEMBER 1957 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Pat McMurtly, Billy Soose, Henry Armstrong Beats Barney Ross, The Tiger & The Cub (Fiction), Marcel Cerdan's Life in Pictures, Sam Langford, Roy Harris, Graziano Beats Zale, Orlando Zulueta vs. Joe Brown, Yvon Durrelle, Johnny Busso, Harold Gomes,

Harold Johnson, Most Historic Ring, Ratings
Wrestling—Slave Girl Moolah, Belly Laughs, Results of Month Wrestling Boom, Canadian Trail, 'Blackie' Guzman, Fan Clubs, Steve Stanlee \$25

JANUARY 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Braddock vs. Tommy Farr, Floyd Patterson, Johnny Kilbane, Mike O'Dowd, Chaiky Wright, Carmen Basilio, Jimmy Wilde's Life, World's Ten Best Fighters, Quiz, Fighters Turned Actor, Bobbing Lesson, Bare Knuckle Feature, Leach Cross Kayoes Young Otto, Letters, Remember When, Ratings
Wrestling—Ricki Starr, The Bruiser, Canadian Trail, Fan Clubs, Letters, Matches of Month \$25

FEBRUARY 1958 Boxing—TV Jottings, Letters, Fights of Month, Louis vs. Marciano, Robinson vs. LaMotta, Walcott vs. Charles, Pep vs. Saddler, Basilio vs. DeMarco, Light Heavyweight History, Punch that Shocked World (Jack Sharkey Fouls Max Schmeling), Preview of 1958, Born Killer (Fiction), Britain's Boxing Booths, Ray Robinson's Career in Pictures, Picking Winners, Quiz, Gene Tunney-Georges Carpentier Feud, Al McCoy, Critics Talk
Wrestling—Mickey Gold, The Garibaldis, Smith Brothers, Gypsy Joe, The Gallaghers, How Women React to Wrestlers, Photo Highlights, Results of Month, Fan Clubs \$25

APRIL 1958 Boxing—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Ratings, Carmen Basilio—Fighter of the Year, Complete Review of 1957 featuring Records, Results, Weights, Photos (Eight Pages), Bob Fitzsimmons, History of the Middleweights, Kid Chocolate Beats Fidel LaBarba, John L. Sullivan's Life, Barney Ross' Book, Remember When
Wrestling—Wrestlers in Movies, Sexiest Girl Wrestlers—Penny Banner and Barbara Baker, Predictions for 1958, Is The Champion Lou Thesz or Ed Carpentier? Sellout at the Garden, Photos of Month, Results of Month \$25

WRESTLING REVUE

WRESTLING REVUE (1959-1964) is thought to be the finest series of wrestling magazines ever published. These beautiful editions (all edited and published by Stanley Weston) set a standard by which all of today's wrestling magazines are judged. The magnificent back issues in this ad, many of which contain spectacular full-color inserts, have been unavailable to the public for more than 10 years. Supplies of these collector's treasures are very limited.



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Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING

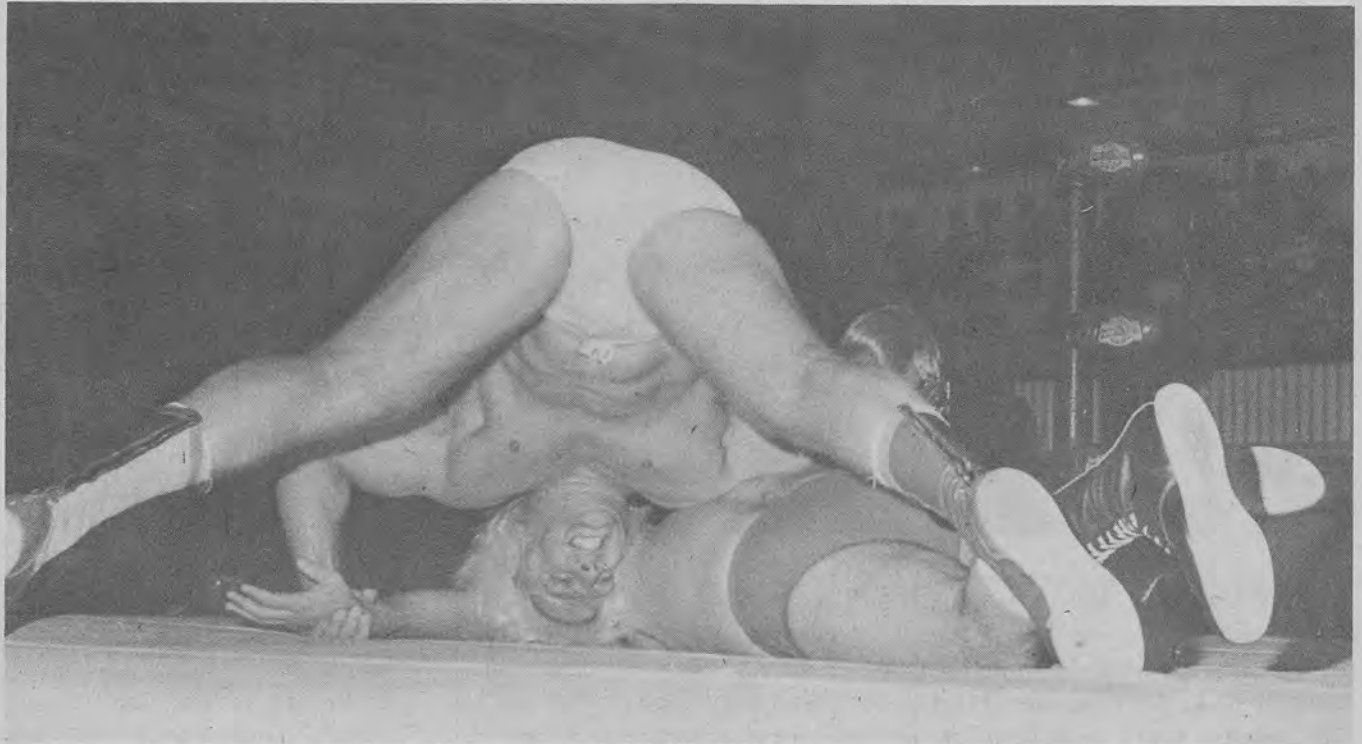
CHICAGO, IL: Have a lot of fond memories of Comiskey Park, like the Buddy Rogers-Pat O'Connor title match many years ago and the great food in the press box. And some bad ones. Met my first wife during the fourth inning of a White Sox-Indians game, but that's another story. Hate crying when I type, waters down my drinks. But I've good news. In a stunning match, Verne Gagne defeated Nick Bockwinkel for the AWA title. Went back to talk to Gagne, an old buddy. The new AWA champ was like a little kid, gushing and chuckling about the ecstasy he felt, the plans to possibly defend his title in Europe and the thrill of the crowd cheering him as he stood over Bockwinkel. Then he turned somber. Gagne said he wanted to restore honor, dignity, and truth to the AWA title. He said Bockwinkel only disgraced the title, and the need to bring back the real meaning of a champion gave him that extra little strength needed for victory. As for Bockwinkel, he claimed Gagne cheated and choked him. I dunno. Thought Bockwinkel had a bit more class than whining and complaining. If he was as big a champ as he always told everyone, Bockwinkel should've accepted defeat with grace and dignity instead of pouting.

LOS ANGELES, CA: Old feuds never die, they just lie dormant and wait a few years to erupt and reclaim their obsessed prisoners. To wit, Mil Mascaras and John Tolos. Years ago, these two tried to beat each other senseless. Then Tolos tried to wrestle scientifically, failed, and broke off his friendship with Mascaras. The feud resumed, more dangerous and deadly than ever. A bit of explanation: Tolos returned to Los Angeles insisting he would stay good forever. That lasted about 11 minutes. And that sort of deception infuriated Mascaras. No one plays with fans' emotions while Mil Mascaras has the strength to tie the laces of his mask. Whatever Tolos might say or do to Mil, the deceit practiced upon the fans had to be the last, unforgivable sin.



MIL MASCARAS

Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor



RIC FLAIR

GREENSBORO, NC: I'm a Mexican food junkie and nearly overdosed from a bad tamale on the way to the airport. Maybe I shouldn't have doused it with red pepper sauce and mustard. Well, you only live once. Must confess the stewardess grew irritated when I stole three barf bags. What the heck, I gave her my phone number, that's sufficient payment. I'm starting to sound like a battered version of Eddy Mansfield, give or take a year or two. Love flying cross-country, except for the movies. Least this one was good, "Bonzo Goes to College." Love the two co-stars except I confuse them every now and then. Anyway, I'm in North Carolina, land of Makers Mark and little blondes. Speaking of little blondes, or not so little blonds, the Ric Flair-Greg Valentine war rages stronger than ever. On my list of important items, friendship ranks right up there with name-brand Scotch and a porterhouse steak. That's why this violent

feud saddens me. Flair and Valentine were once like brothers. Jealousy and misunderstandings exploded into mindless hate. They'll never make up. One of them will be destroyed.

NEW YORK, NY: This was a fine how-do-you-do. Try to get into Steve Farhood's apartment, who was kind enough to let me crash on his couch while I was between planes, and find the locks had been changed. I banged and pounded until the door opened and this bimbo broad is standing in a white Belmont Racetrack T-Shirt, nothing else. Cooly, she explains different living arrangements occurred since I'd left and my belongings were at the office. Fortunately Bill Apter was nice enough, unlike Farhood, to let me stay at his place until I find suitable accommodations. First night, me and Bill stayed up until three in the morning watching Laurel and Hardy movies. Should be fun. □

HOTSEAT

NICK BOCKWINKEL:

"I'LL GET THE BELT BACK"

HIS NAME HAS become synonymous with cunning and cruelty. And success. For almost five years, he defended the AWA title against every opponent the world could muster. Night after night, he devised a unique formula for victory, at times dubious, at times brilliant, always successful. That is, until a night at Chicago's Comiskey Park when former AWA champion Verne Gagne found the opening and penetrated his defenses, a night of disappointment and rage, the evening Nick Bockwinkel lost his beloved belt.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY DAN SHOCKET

Q: Sir, I would like to begin this interview by expressing my deepest and most heartfelt condolences.

A: Thanks Dan. I always

appreciate your wit and wisdom.

Q: And I your wrestling genius. What happened on that black

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night in Chicago?

A: Gagne tried to kill me.

Q: Figures.

A: Swine.

Q: For those fans out there who couldn't be at the match, why don't you describe the events

of that horrid night?

A: Gladly. As has happened in all our bouts, I totally dominated the old fool, tossing him about the ring like a rag doll. Several times Gagne begged for mercy, pleading for restraint. I show no mercy to cowards, only men willing to pay the price of defeat. If my opponent fights back like a man, I'll show my immense decency. But cowards like Gagne?

Q: If you were thoroughly dominating the match, how did you lose?

A: By the swine's cheating, that's how. As I was about to finish the senile old fool off, I was distracted by his punk son Greg cursing me out. Foul mouth, can see where he gets it. I snapped back at Gagne. Next thing I know, old man Verne jumps me from behind





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and chokes me, I started spitting blood, the lousy ref wouldn't stop him. Standing right there and he lets Gagne choke and nearly kill me.

Q: Do you think Gagne paid off the ref?

A: Had to, how else could he possibly defeat me?

Q: How does it feel to be a former champion?

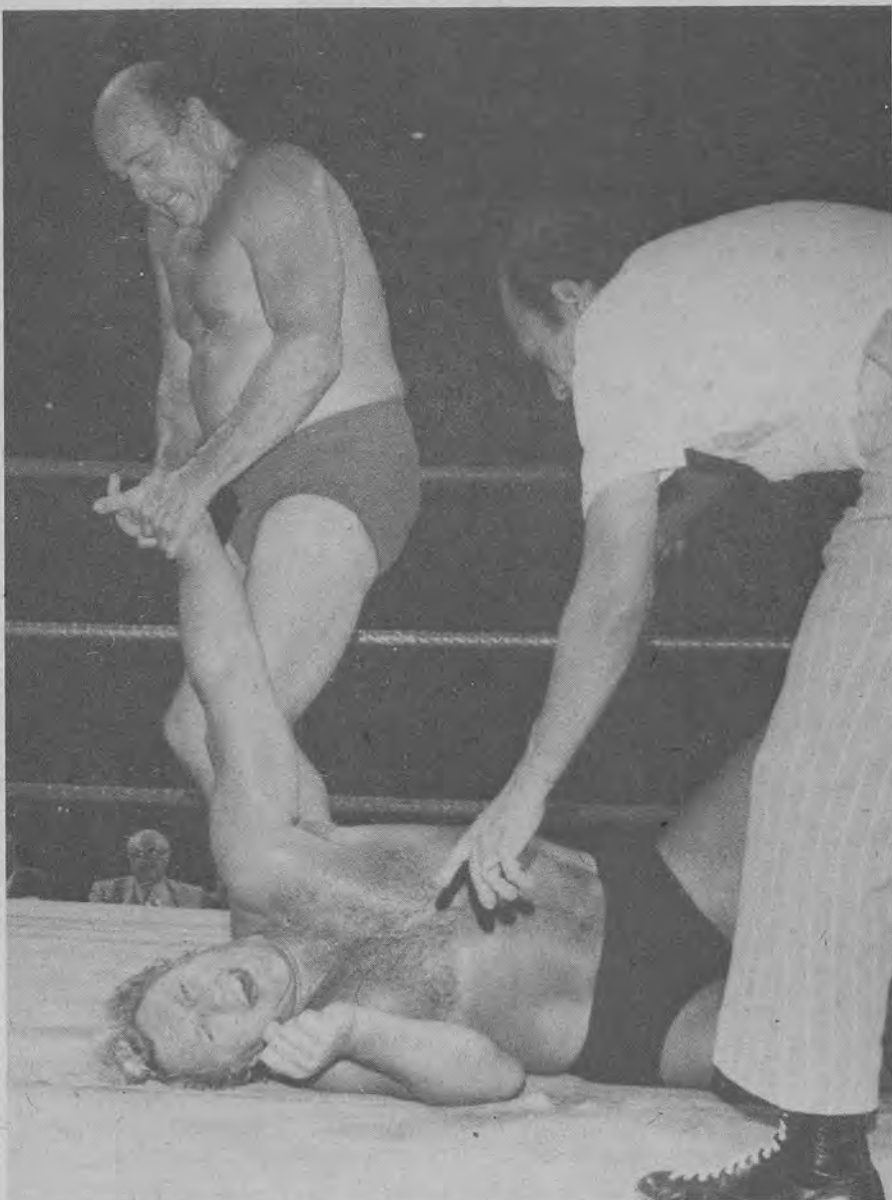
A: Former, former, that's a word for has-beens. This is merely temporary, that's all. I'll get the belt back.

Q: But how does it feel?

A: I'm still champion.

Q: I don't understand.

A: In my gut, in my heart and soul, I am still AWA champion. A mere belt cannot confer greatness or prestige. Only a man can be champion and only a man makes the title what it is. Otherwise, it's a



The referee asks Nick Bockwinkel if he would like to submit to Verne Gagne's wristlock. Bockwinkel withstood the pain but was later stopped by a controversial sleeperhold.

mere trinket, a collection of polished minerals.

Q: Obviously, you want the belt back.

A: Yeah.

Q: You sound hesitant.

A: Well, I do want the title back, but I won't take anymore garbage from Gagne. I know he fears me and shivers at the prospect of granting me my due return match. He knows how he won the first time and knows unless he continues paying off the referees, he'll lose the belt. Then again, I might not accept the title back.

Q: Why?

A: Because I don't feel the public has the proper mental resources to fully appreciate me or understand my immense genius. I'm weary of wasting my tremendous skills on an ignorant and ungrateful public.

Q: Why do you say that?

A: I've endured enough criticism from cretins unable to comprehend my brilliant strategies. How many times must I hear how Nick Bockwinkel disqualifies himself? Don't they understand I've the match won and merely wish to avoid further injury to my inferior foes? I show the mercy of a



Gagne applies pressure to a hammerlock and Bockwinkel must neckbridge to avoid being pinned (above). Nick momentarily assumes the advantage and captures his challenger in a figure-four armlock (below).

king and they dare to accuse me of cowardice.

Q: Have you ever wanted to simply destroy someone?

A: On many occasions. The measure of a superior human being, however, is his ability to check irrational, primitive desires.

Q: Who have you wanted to destroy?

A: Well, senile Verne, for one. His punk son Greg. The time I wrestled fatso Dino Bravo.

Q: Fatso Bravo?

A: Man has the shape of a peach.

Q: Do you feel anyone understands you?

A: My tried-and-true buddy and manager Bobby Heenan understands me. No one else.

Q: Let's say you decide to reject the title when you defeat Verne Gagne. What then?

A: I think I might consider sharing my genius with the fans in other areas, though I fear their stupidity will prevent them from under-



standing. Still, I might find some competition elsewhere, surely the crop of AWA wrestlers like the Gagnes, Dino Bravo, and Tito Santana cannot give me



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Q: Anyone you're really eager to beat?

A: That slob Dusty Rhodes would be a nice trophy hanging over my fireplace. And I'd love to whip Bruno Sammartino's head for him. Hate people who brag and don't have the muscle or brains to back up their words.

Q: Is there anyone you admire in wrestling?

A: Besides me?

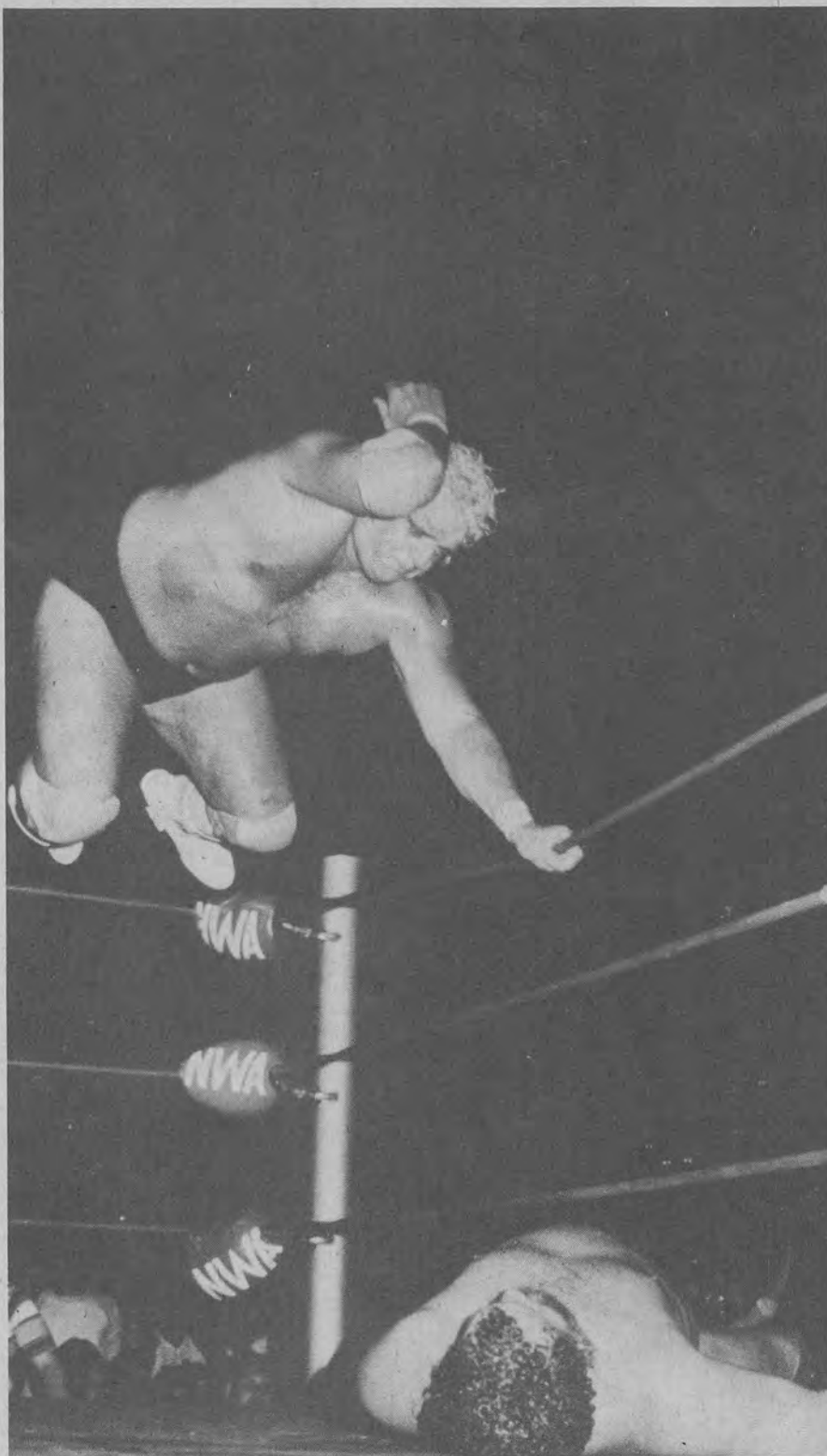
Q: Yes.

A: Uh, not counting Bobby?

Q: Right.

A: No. All buffoons and clowns, half-wits and untalented bums. What's there to admire?

Q: Sir, I want to thank you for dropping by and, personally, tell you what an inspiration you've been to all of us. ☐



PERHAPS IT'S ABOUT time for Dusty Rhodes to accept the inevitable and stop trying to change unalterable conditions. All this maddening fury accomplishes is more bitterness and more frustrations for the American Dream. He must understand his tragic fate has nothing to do with his enormous natural gifts and little to do with his unique blend of wrestling.

Dusty Rhodes will never have a long reign as champion simply because he is Dusty Rhodes. And he can do absolutely nothing about it.

Rhodes goes all out every second of his life, burning oil and never resting. When he wins a title, he accelerates. He increases his schedule, tackles every foe, attends every publicity and autograph signing session. Rhodes wants to act like a champion. Unfortunately, he drains his energies.

"I feel when I'm the champ I gotta act like a champ every single moment," said Rhodes. "I can't let up 'cause I got too many people lookin' up to me and believin' in me. I can't let them down."

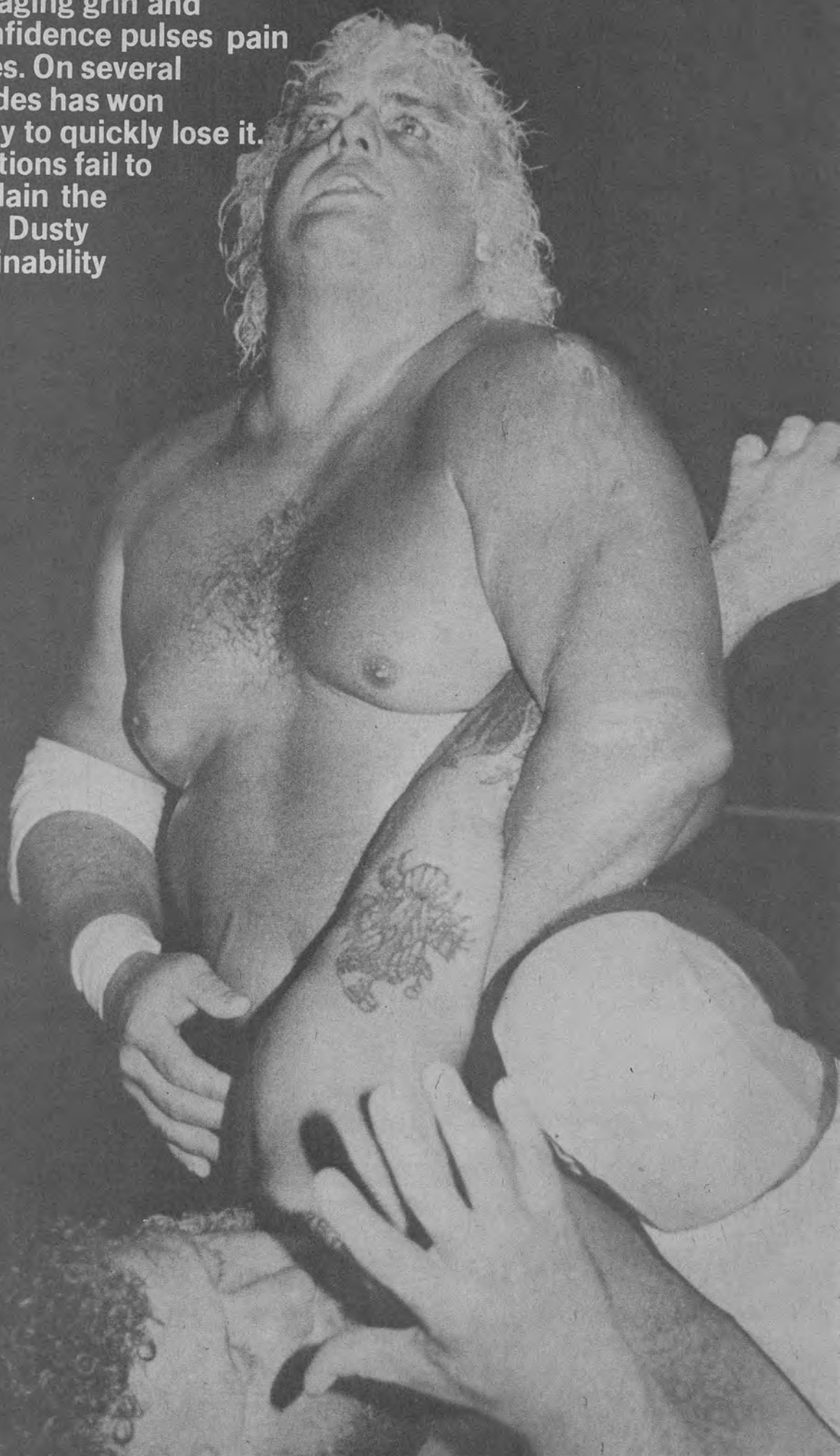
Pressure flows from two directions. Fans love Rhodes, for what he is and what he stands for. And Rhodes, determined to both fulfill and expand expectations, would never do

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Rhodes connects with an elbowsmash from the top turnbuckle, but Race's feet were under the ropes.

DUSTY RHODES: THE MAN WHO CANNOT BE CHAMPION

Behind the engaging grin and relaxed self-confidence pulses pain for Dusty Rhodes. On several occasions, Rhodes has won a major title only to quickly lose it. Simple explanations fail to adequately explain the reasons behind Dusty Rhodes' tragic inability to hold a title



INSIDE WRESTLING'S

OFFICIAL RATINGS

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World Wrestling Federation



Champion:
BOB BACKLUND



1—HULK HOGAN

American Wrestling Association



Champion:
VERNE GAGNE



1—NICK BOCKWINKEL

National Wrestling Alliance



Champion:
HARLEY RACE

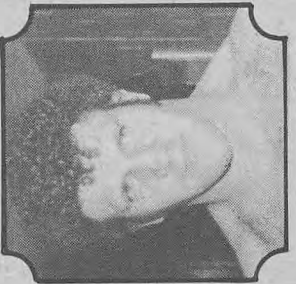


1—GREG VALENTINE

Most Popular Wrestlers



1—ANDRE THE GIANT

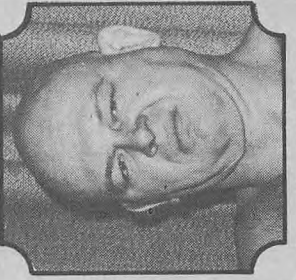


2—BRUNO SAMMARTINO

Most Hated Wrestlers

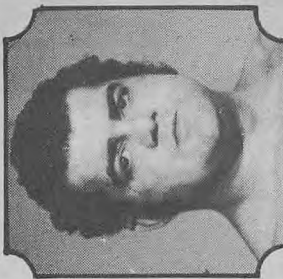


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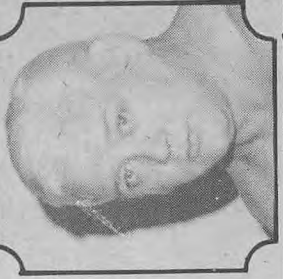


2—BARON VON RASCHKE

Tag Teams



1—PEDRO MORALES & BOB BACKLUND





2—LARRY ZBYSZKO



3—KEN PATERA



4—PAT PATTERSON

- 5—IVAN PUTSKI
- 6—PEDRO MORALES
- 7—TONY ATLAS
- 8—THE HANGMAN
- 9—RICK MARTEL
- 10—TOR KAMATA



2—CRUSHER
BLACKWELL



3—CRUSHER

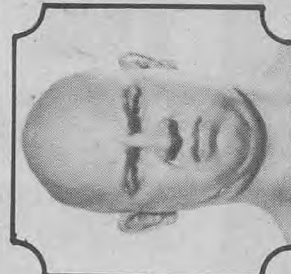


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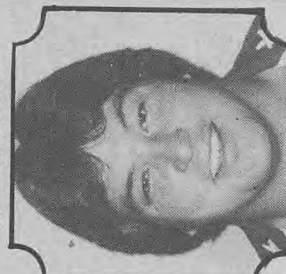
- 5—DINO BRAVO
- 6—JESSE VENTURA
- 7—TITO SANTANA
- 8—GREG GAGNE
- 9—ADRIAN ADONIS
- 10—SUPER
DESTROYER II



2—DUSTY RHODES



3—BARON
VON RASCHKE



4—TED DiBIASE

- 5—HUSSEIN ARAB
- 6—KEN PATERA
- 7—DICK SLATER
- 8—MR. WRESTLING II
- 9—KEVIN VON ERICH
- 10—EL HALCON



3—DUSTY RHODES



4—RIC FLAIR

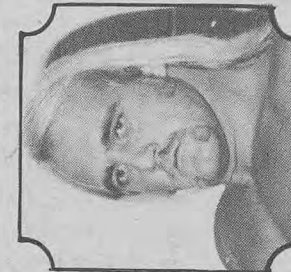


5—BOB BACKLUND

- 6—MR. WRESTLING II
- 7—IVAN PUTSKI
- 8—MIL MASCARAS
- 9—RICK STEAMBOAT
- 10—TED DiBIASE



3—KEN PATERA



4—HULK HOGAN

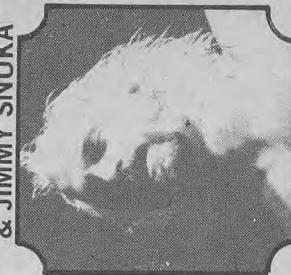


5—MARK LEWIN

- 6—NICK
BOCKWINKEL
- 7—GREG VALENTINE
- 8—HARLEY RACE
- 9—KILLER BROOKS
- 10—MICHAEL HAYES



2—RAY STEVENS
& JIMMY SNUKA



3—JESSE VENTURA
& ADRIAN ADONIS

- 4—THE ASSASSINS
- 5—JACK & JERRY
BRISCO
- 6—TERRY GORDY &
BUDDY ROBERTS
- 7—IVAN KOLOFF &
NIKOLAI VOLKOFF
- 8—VERNE GAGNE &
MAD DOG VACHON
- 9—DAVID & KEVIN
VON ERICH
- 10—THE SAMOANS

BEHIND EVERY MASK lurks a mystery. The Masked Assassins are no exception. Everyone wonders about their identities. Are they escaped convicts from some chain gang, renegades from society?

Not surprisingly, The Assassins do not fall into either of these categories. They belong to a wider group, one all fans immediately recognize.

You know the type: handsome, well-built, polite to fans, and respectful to their elders. Men intent on winning within the rules and contemptuous of those who use foreign objects or other deceitful tricks.

Scientific wrestlers. The truth can be revealed. The Assassins are former good guys turned evil. And we know who they are.

Hold the trumpets and silence the cymbals. Their

like it was too late for the others."

Arrangements were made to meet this nervous man. A sleazy diner on Manhattan's upper West Side was selected. Late at night, near midnight, two of INSIDE WRESTLING's editors, Bill Apter and Stu Saks, met with the source. Saks' report:

"A couple of winos sat at the counter, sipping coffee and trying to make lewd conversation with the bored waitress. She chewed gum and gave me and Bill dirty looks when we asked for a menu. I ordered a coke. I was afraid to order food. Bill ordered an individual can of tuna and a large Hi C strawberry drink. We waited, as asked, in a back booth. We'd been there about 20 minutes when this skinny little guy with big black-rimmed glasses, a long gray raincoat, tattered

and what territory they wrestled in. He told us he'd been their friend but they'd beaten him up when he forgot to pay off a debt of \$5. He said they repeatedly betrayed friends, befriending someone, gaining their trust, and then stabbing them in the back in a variety of ways.

"I asked if he was simply bitter and seeking revenge. He started crying, then choked for a few minutes on a lump of feta cheese. When he'd recovered, he denied any desire for revenge. He said he had nowhere to go, no job, wanted nothing from this. All he wanted to do was stop them before they hurt someone. I asked how we could stop them if we couldn't disclose their identity. He said we should blackmail The Assassins. He said we should coerce them into leaving the

Assassin #2 bends the wrist and fingers of Ole Anderson.



identities were revealed to us by a frightened young man. He'd only disclose their backgrounds under one condition.

"I'll tell ya who they are but ya can't print it 'cause they'll know who told ya and come after me," his husky voice cracked over the phone wires. "Only reason I'm tellin' ya who they are is so ya can stop 'em 'fore it's too late,

sneakers, and a distraught expression walked in, looked around and approached us.

"The code word was anchovy. He wouldn't give his name and never took off his raincoat, though he did order a large Greek salad. He spoke in a rush, spittle sliding down his chin, trembling lower lip. He told us who The Assassins were

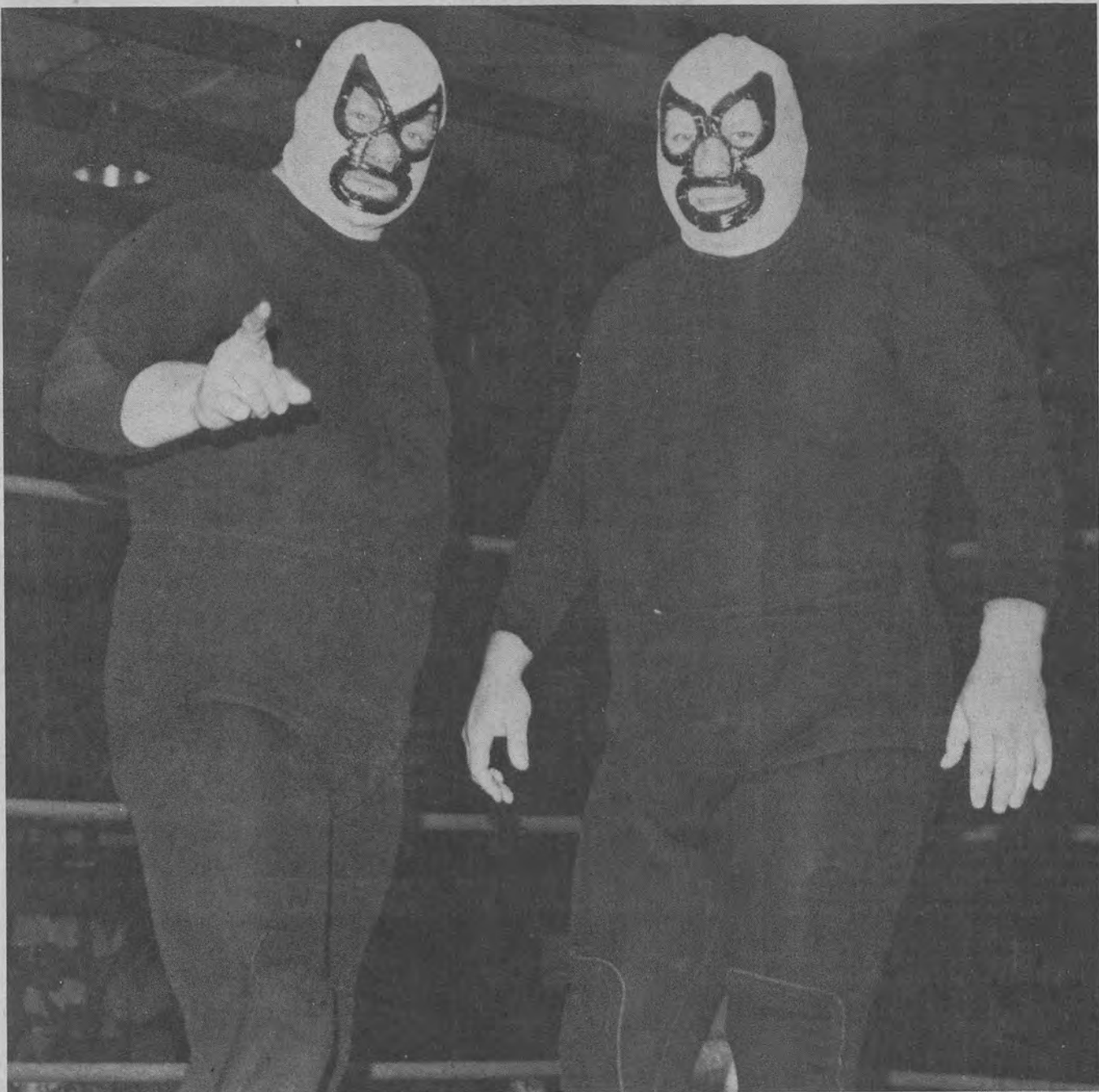
sport or else reveal their sordid backgrounds. At this point Bill and I left."

The obvious dilemma was the disposition of this information. Three alternatives faced us:

1. We could ignore the information, though an exhaustive series of phone calls confirmed the essential

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WHY THE ASSASSINS' SECRET IDENTITY CAN'T



BE REVEALED

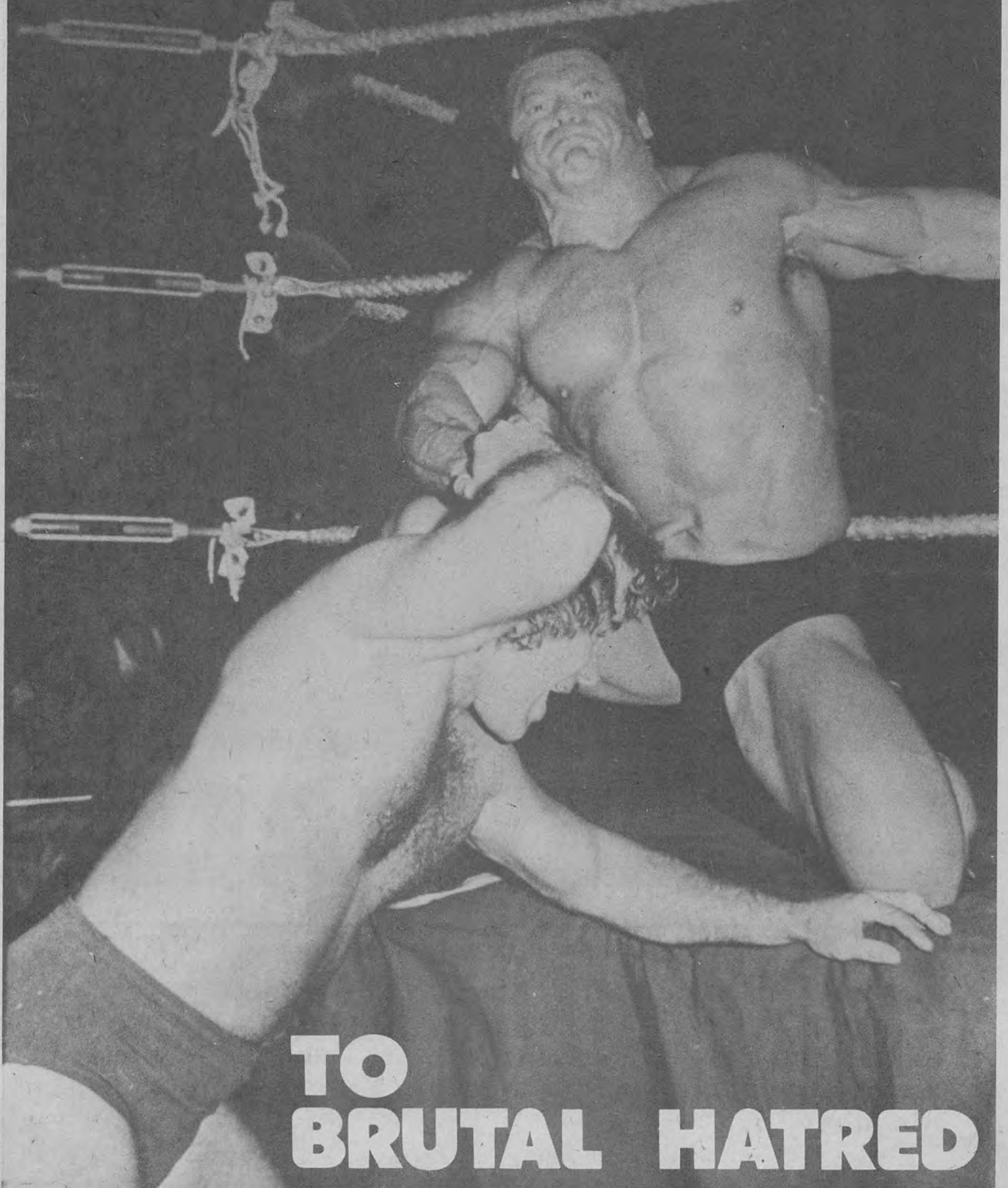
PHOTOS BY BILL APTER & MAGGIE ADKINS

A voice called and told us he knew the identity of The Masked Assassins, current Georgia tag team champions. Two of our editors met the man and came away overwhelmed by the truth. Yet we cannot print his story

PHOTOS BY BILL APTER

Zbyszko vs. Putski:

**FROM
BROTHERLY LOVE**



**TO
BRUTAL HATRED**

KIELBASI SIZZLED attracting Ivan Putski's attention. Always polite, Putski excused himself and disappeared into the kitchen. Humming a Polish love song, Putski attended to the kielbasi. The refrigerator door opened, shut, and Putski re-appeared with a bottle of imported Polish beer.

"Great stuff," said Putski, pouring two glasses. "Wouldn't drink anything but the beer of my people." Putski leaped up, again disappeared into the kitchen, and returned with a steaming platter of Polish delicacies.

Ivan Putski set the table, getting the silverware from an antique dresser beneath a picture of General Pulaski.

"My hero," said Putski. "What would General Pulaski say about that traitor Larry Zbyszko?"

Both Putski and Zbyszko descend from Polish stock. In their own unique ways, both are proud of their heritage and would do nothing to disgrace that grand tradition. In their own ways, this schism brings these two talented wrestlers on a frighteningly violent collision course.

"Larry Zbyszko makes me sick. All Poles cry for the shame he brings his people. Poles value loyalty and friendship above everything else. And the way Zbyszko turned his back on Bruno and turned his back on his fans goes against everything we Poles hold dear.

"In the Polish household, a friend is always welcome. A child will bring his friend into



More than a mere wrestling match, the Larry Zbyszko-Ivan Putski confrontation was a battle for national honor. Putski slams Zbyszko's face to the ring apron (opposite left) and Zbyszko chokes Putski with the ropes (above).

the house during dinner and, even in the poorest of homes, that friend will be invited to break bread. Imagine someone inviting a guest to Zbyszko's house? He'd throw them out, accuse them of hurting his career, and say they're part of some diabolical plot to deny him his just glory.

"Polish people work for what they get. If you're good enough, we believe you'll eventually achieve your goals. But we don't step on people's faces to win. To us, that's not winning. To Zbyszko, that's everything."

Zbyszko's perception of Polish Power differs greatly.

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Once Ivan Putski and Larry Zbyszko were like brothers, sharing moments and thoughts, helping each other the way real brothers would. Then the Zbyszko-Bruno Sammartino feud erupted, dragging Zbyszko and Putski apart until the love curdled into hate, the friendship into a bitter rivalry

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ROCKFORD, IL

By Cherrie Rush



DINO BRAVO
vs.
JERRY BLACKWELL



It was a thrilling night of action. The grudge match between Dino Bravo and Jerry Blackwell was the highlight as the \$5,000 winner's share was hung above the ring. The first one to go up the ladder and retrieve the money was the winner. Blackwell really took a beating from Bravo as Dino pummeled him with the ladder. Bravo was the deserved winner of this match.

OTHER BOUTS: Lord Al Hays suffered a beating at the hands of Bobby Heenan . . . Steve Olsonoski and Super Destroyer II wrestled to a draw . . . Adrian Adonis and Jesse Ventura combined to defeat Greg Gagne and Mad Dog Vachon.

LANDOVER, MD

By Tim Leadbeater



KEN PATERA
vs.
TONY ATLAS



The Inter-Continental championship was on the line in this duel between champion Ken Patera and Tony Atlas. Patera warned Atlas to quit right away, but with the crowd behind him, Atlas exploded with rights and lefts to Patera's head. Then Patera snared Atlas in a painful bearhug. Atlas overcame the hold only to be caught in a combination half-nelson and chokehold. The special referee, Gorilla Monsoon, disqualified Patera for not releasing the hold, but that disqualification enabled Patera to retain his title.

GREENVILLE, SC

By Keith Craft



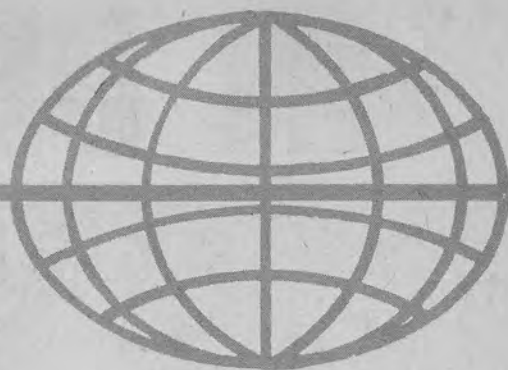
RIC FLAIR
vs.
GREG VALENTINE



This bout was for the United States Heavyweight title. Greg Valentine, who'd broken Ric Flair's nose and insulted the champion by insisting *he* was the new "Nature Boy," attacked before the bell. Valentine tore off Flair's nose-guard and worked on his injured nose. Flair swiftly retaliated and tried to break Valentine's nose. Quickly, both were bloody messes. There was no scientific wrestling in this match, only kicking and gouging. The match ended with both men battling outside the ring.

OTHER BOUTS: Sweet Ebony Diamond won by disqualification over Masked Superstar #1 . . . Gene Lewis and Swede Hanson stopped S.D. Jones and Pedro Morales . . .

WRESTLING CAPITALS



WACO, TX

By Scott Smith



ANDRE THE GIANT
vs.
TORU TANAKA

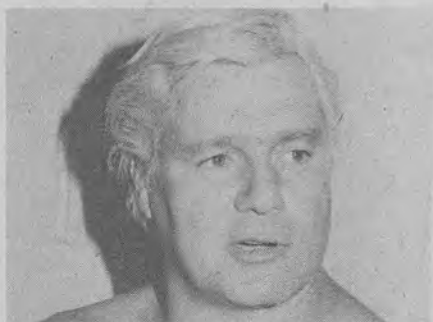


In the main event, Andre the Giant took on bitter rival Professor Toru Tanaka. From the opening bell, Tanaka lunged at Andre and seized him in a bearhug. That proved short-lived as Andre used his enormous strength to easily escape Tanaka's grasp. Andre continually foiled Tanaka's attempts at choking, gouging, and karate chopping. Finally, Andre knocked Tanaka to the mat and pounced on him for the victory.

OTHER BOUTS: Kevin Von Erich defeated J.J. Dillon . . . Kerry Von Erich whipped Jonathan Boyd . . . Mr. Hito drew with Sweet Brown Sugar.

TRENTON, NJ

By Stephen Zamonski



PAT PATTERSON
vs.
LARRY ZBYSZKO



The co-main event pitted hated Larry Zbyszko against fan favorite Pat Patterson. The match was back-and-forth for the first few minutes with each man gaining short advantages. Then Zbyszko threw Patterson out of the ring. The two battled in and out of the ring until Patterson grabbed Zbyszko's leg and slammed it on the ring post three times. Again they battled outside of the ring until Zbyszko somehow freed himself and pushed Patterson headfirst into the post. Zbyszko scrambled into the ring and Patterson, badly hurt, was unable to return.

ANNISTON, AL

By Gary Guinn



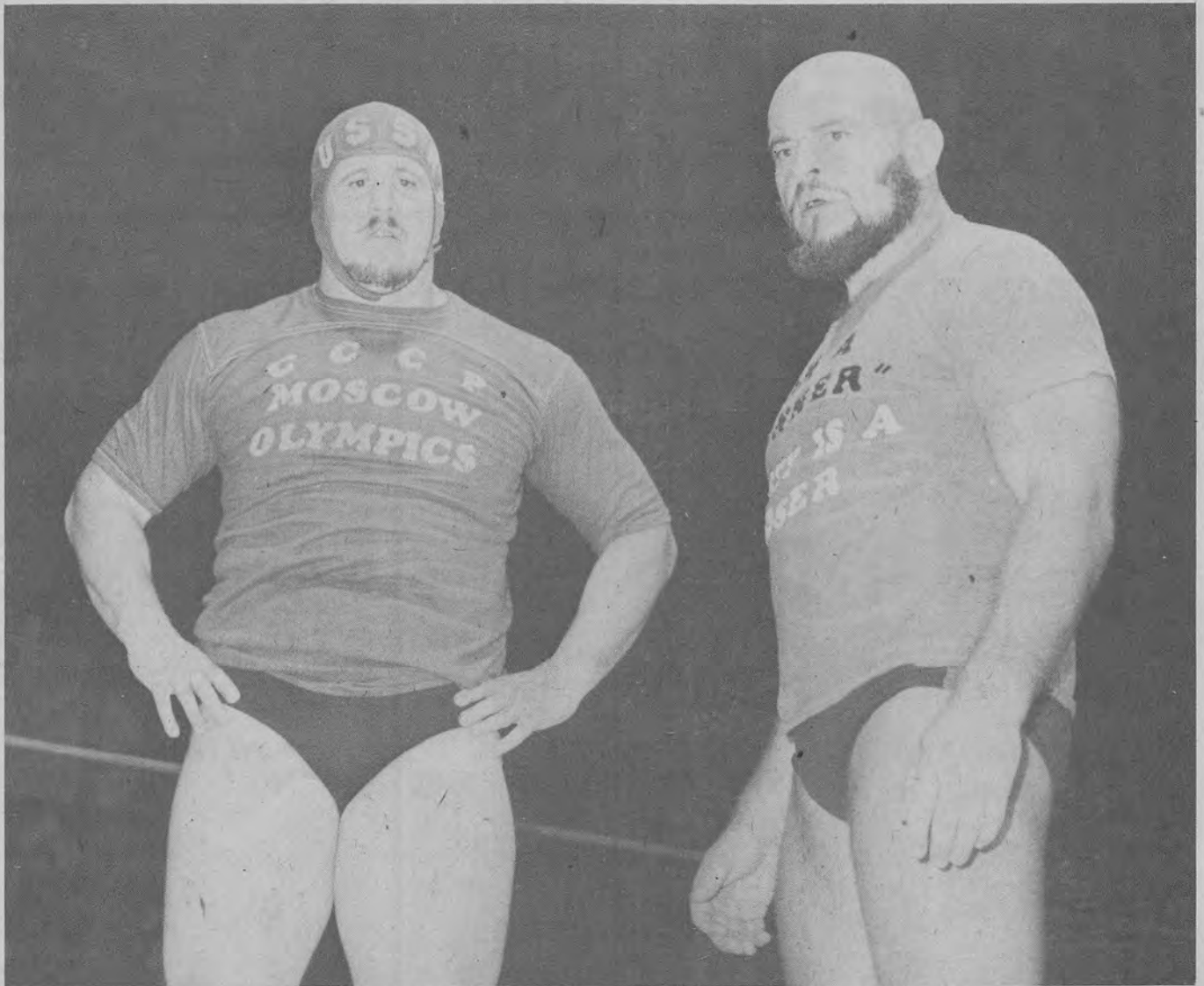
MARK LEWIN
vs.
STAN HANSEN



The main event was scheduled to be Austin Idol versus Mark Lewin, but Idol was unable to appear and was replaced by Stan Hansen. Lewin's manager, the Great Mephisto, repeatedly interfered, enraging Hansen and earning the ire of the capacity crowd. When Hansen grabbed Lewin and started flinging him across the ring, Mephisto ran in and again interfered, causing Lewin to be disqualified.

OTHER BOUTS: Lars and Ole Anderson whipped The Assassins . . . Mike George defeated Moose Monroe . . . Iron Mike Sharpe overpowered Denis Candree. □

IN DEFENSE OF



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KOLOFF & VOLKOFF

By Dan Shocket

TO SPIT ON the Mona Lisa would be the act of a madman. Desecrating any work of art is a moral and legal crime. Except in wrestling, where the best is almost always ruined.

Wrestling fans are clamoring for the destruction of the best new tag team in wrestling, Ivan Koloff and Nikolai Volkoff.

Instead of appreciating their wrestling genius, the fans are demanding they be banned. For good measure, they're also asking for the scalp of the team's manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink.

This is from the same group that adores Jack and Jerry Brisco, bozos of the lowest order. The Brisco brothers are cheered at their every

appearance. Fans pray that these two mediocrities will destroy Volkoff and Koloff.

In a recent match, the referee did everything but jump on Volkoff to help Jack Brisco. Clearly, he was under orders from the commission to give the Briscos every break. The commission is out to please the fans, always on the side of flunkies like the Briscos.

This means Volkoff and Koloff won't stand a chance. The greatness that should be theirs will be stolen from them. Also, their greatness will be stolen from the history of wrestling. That means it will be stolen from us all.

Certainly, the Briscos need protection. Anyone watching Koloff and Volkoff can see the Briscos would be doomed in a fair match. These two superb athletes are perfectly meshed. Humperdink guides them with a flexible hand, letting the pair discover for themselves what is

The Russian strongmen work on the left arm of Jack Brisco. Nikolai Volkoff twists Brisco's wrist . . .



Associate Editor Dan Shocket knows and understands wrestling rulebreakers better than any man alive. In this probing and startling story, Shocket examines the brutal tactics of Russian invaders Nikolai Volkoff and Ivan Koloff. His opinions will horrify all fans

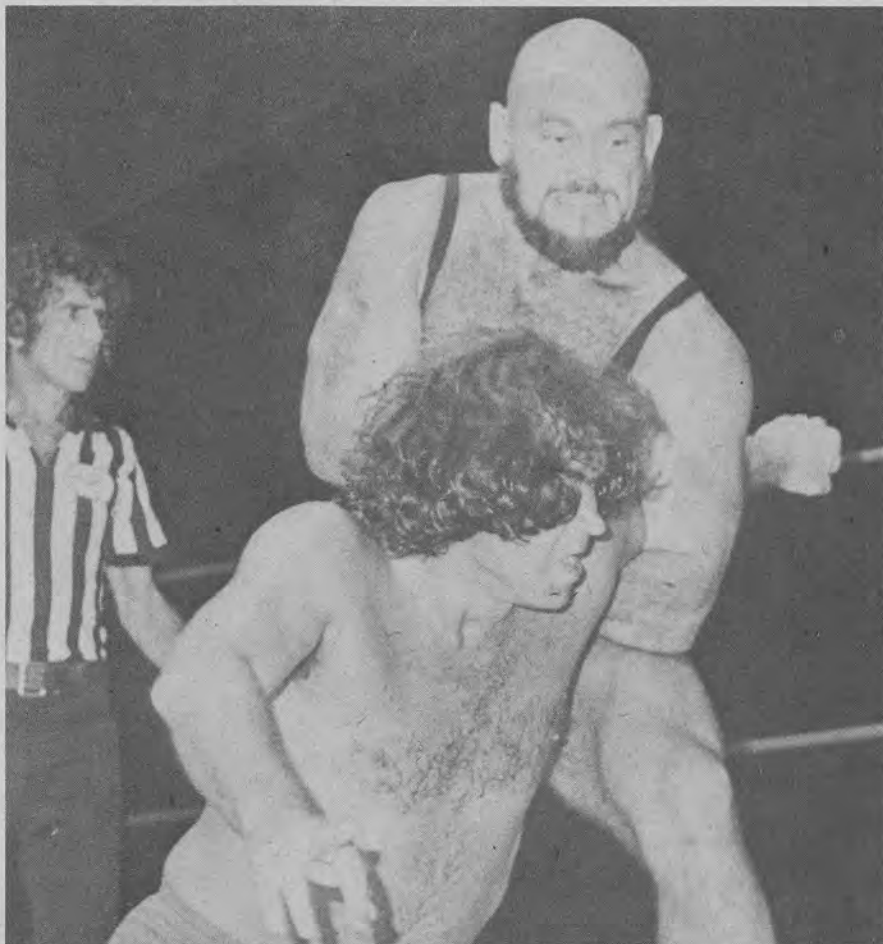
best. He doesn't give them strategies but ideas. He trusts them to be great. They don't disappoint him.

It would be a pity if Humperdink wasn't allowed to realize his own greatness. The NWA seems intent on banning him from the sport. They have hounded, betrayed, and publicly ridiculed him. His other teams have been forced to disband. The NWA is afraid of him. Because of that, they're out to get him.

As one might expect, Humperdink is desolate that the NWA will destroy what could become his greatest creation. Most men would have quit a long time ago, unable to stand the pressure of these evil men. Humperdink can't quit.

"Sure," he admits, "I come on strong. I have no choice. I'm

. . . while Koloff directs his attention at the upper part of Jack's arm.



battling for my life out there. The officials are all against me and my wrestlers. I know the

referees will do anything in their power to handcuff my wrestlers. Hell, if I cheated half

as much as the referees, I'd be in jail!

"Every wrestler who works for me is taking a big chance. I owe them 110 percent of myself because of it. They know before getting in the ring, the entire NWA is against them. I love my wrestlers like children."

Knowing the world is against them, why do the best wrestlers flock to Humperdink?

"He brings out the best in you," Koloff declares, "and brings out the best in your partner. When he first approached me to wrestle with Volkoff, I wasn't sure. After talking with him for an hour, I knew it was the best thing that ever happened to me."

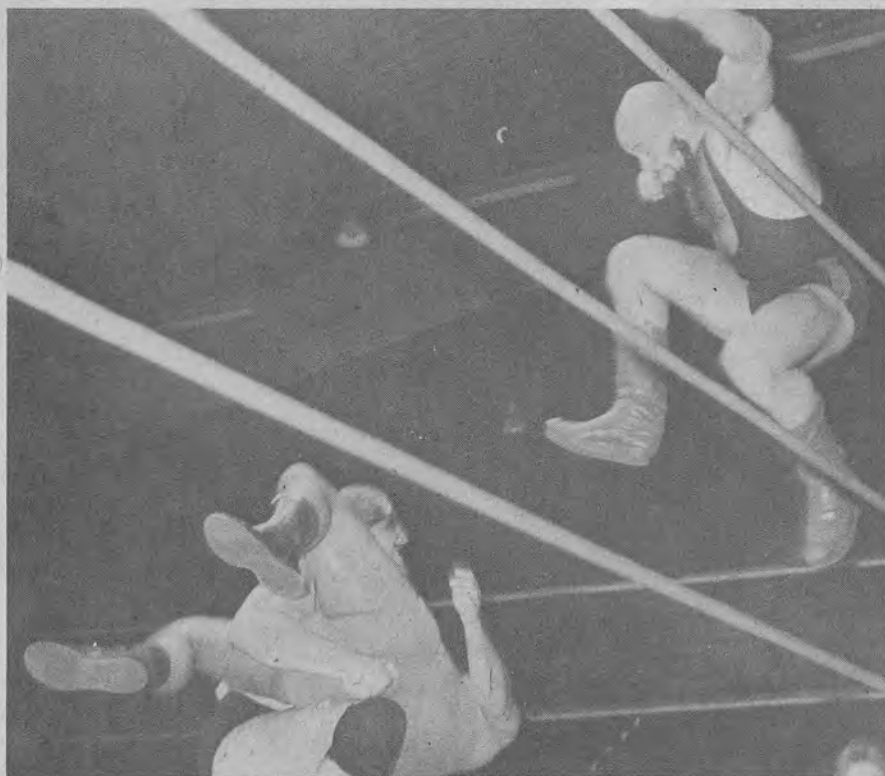
"I don't care if the NWA is against me. I don't care if the entire world is against me. We will conquer! We will conquer! I promise you that."

"By this time next year, the Briscos will be only bad memories. The rest of the NWA will be at our feet. I promise you that."

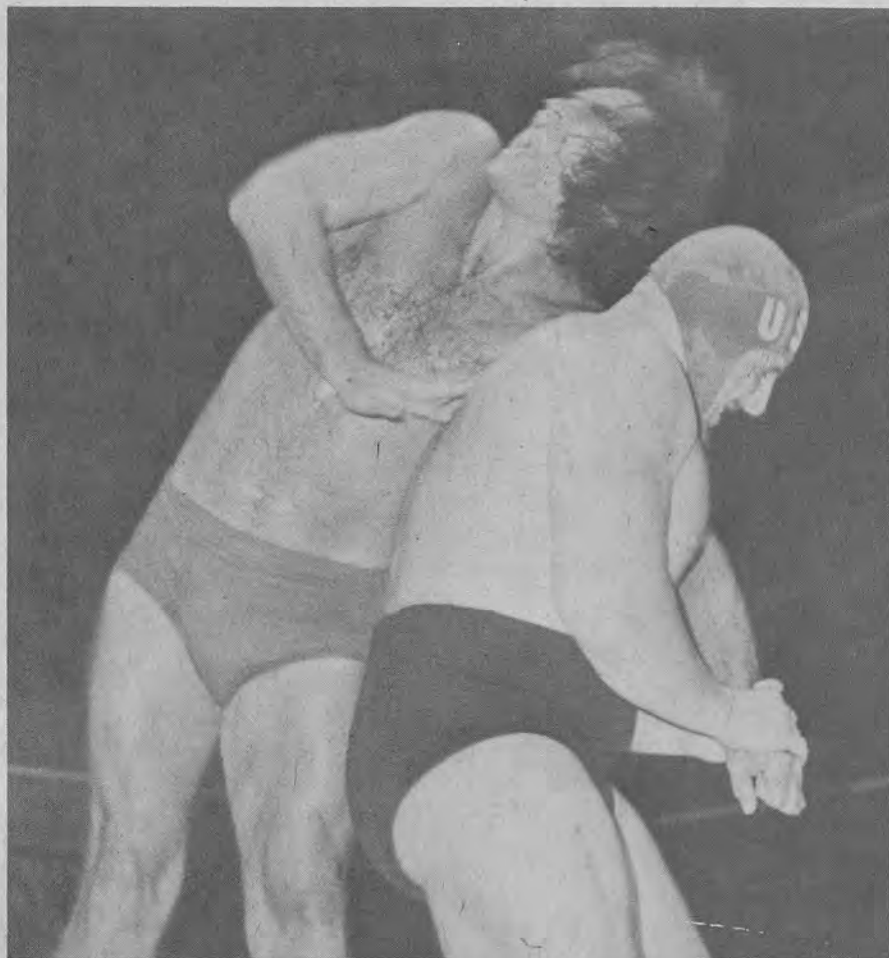
"Volkoff and Koloff will be the greatest team in wrestling history. We will take the NWA, AWA, and WWF belts. Under the guidance of Sir Oliver Humperdink, we will rule the wrestling world! I promise you that."

I have no doubt Koloff will keep his promises, if he is given the chance. The NWA will do everything in its power to stop him. I would not be surprised if Humperdink is banned before the year is out. They will do anything to stop the manager and his superb team. They have authority on their side. When men are pitted against a bureaucracy, the men almost always lose.

It is a crime and a pity. And who will be the most responsible? Who will cheer every tragedy? The fans. May they get what they deserve. □



While Volkoff arches Jerry Brisco's back across his knee, Koloff leaps upon Jerry from the top turnbuckle (above). Volkoff pumps Jack's arm across his shoulder (below).



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EDDY MANSFIELD



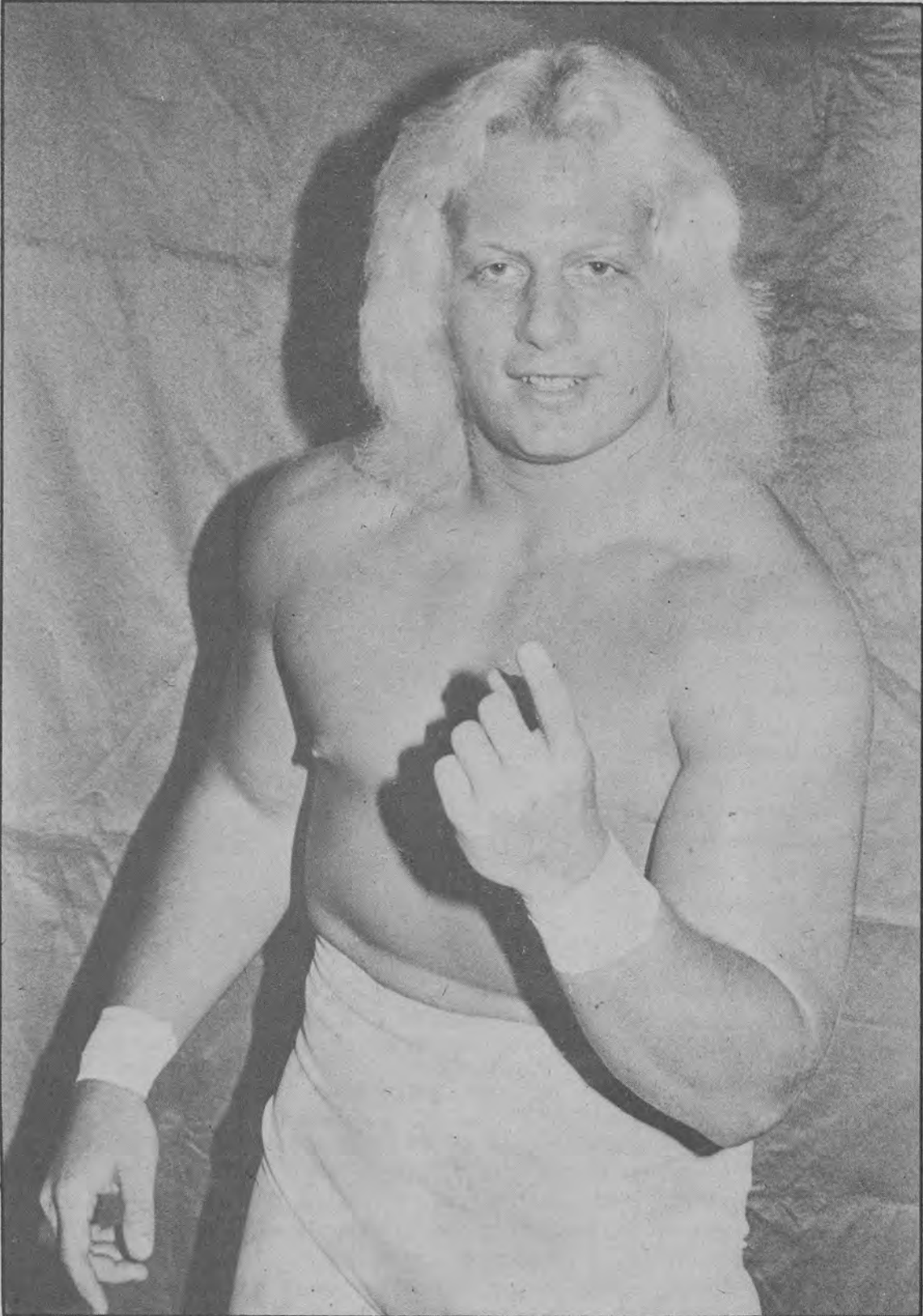
WHEREAS OTHER WRESTLERS prefer studying themselves through videotapes, he uses a mirror ("Got 27 mirrors in my place. Never get tired of lookin' at myself. Why should I? I'm gorgeous, right?")... Claims women find him irresistible and their crazed support aids him in his wrestling endeavors ("How'd you feel if you were wrestlin' a hunk like me and all the ladies were screamin' for me and callin' you ugly. Make you inadequate since no one compares with my looks or body")... Works as hard in the gym as he does before the mirror ("I gotta keep my body in shape. Can't allow perfection to slip away")... Relies on a charming cunning in his ring maneuvers ("Sometimes I'll meet one of them big, dumb dudes and I gotta out-think and out-manuever that big fool")... Made quite an impression on the Texas wrestling world ("Bunch of lames there,

Though his outstanding characteristic is his massive ego, his wrestling talents cannot be denied. Eddy Mansfield is one of the top wrestlers in Texas. The Continental Lover says he will wrestle anyone, provided he makes enough money to provide for his expensive taste.

none of 'em could keep up with me")... Blinding speed and instinctive wrestling skills continually unbalance foes ("I was twice blessed, with natural ability and incredible looks")... Favorite maneuver is the flying elbowsmash ("Love the sound of a skull fracturin'")... Has no particular rival,

preferring to wrestle anyone who offers a challenge ("Long as I get my dough so I can buy clothes and get ladies, I don't care. No wrestler ever scared me and I kinda doubt any ever will")... Calls himself The Continental Lover ("Fits me like an imported three-piece suit"). □

CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP



EDDY MANSFIELD

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!



RICK MARTEL

Young, handsome, and strong, Rick Martel has moved into the WWF where he seeks long-term engagements. Already fans have taken a liking to this powerfully built, enormously talented youngster. Proof of Martel's powers come in the form of threats from such managers as Fred Blassie and Lou Albano, who have vowed Martel's demise.

JOHN STUDD

This miserable and loathsome character is currently terrorizing foes in the AWA, displaying his cruelty at every conceivable opportunity. Fans daring to ask for his autograph are growled away, and opponents attempting a scientific match are beaten back with rough tactics and foreign objects.



MIL MASCARAS

The popular masked man is making several appearances in Los Angeles. Lured by John Tolos' inexcusable betrayal of fan trust, Mascaras wants to show wrestling fans that not all wrestlers will sell their affection for a bag of gold, as Tolos apparently has.

STAN STASIAK

Stasiak cannot resist a challenge. In Texas arenas, the name of Von Erich has grown to legendary proportions. Stasiak seeks to shatter this legend and drive all the Von Erichs out of wrestling. The Von Erichs must be very wary of this brutal man and his deadly maneuver, the Heartpunch.



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(Mr. Wrestling II and The Great Mephisto are about as far apart on all matters of life and wrestling as two men can possibly be. II listens to fans, respects the rules, respects his peers, shows total kindness and decency to all men. On the other hand, Mephisto disdains all human contact, expresses contempt for people, seeks to shatter rules and mold new ones through his sick soul. Mephisto's top two wrestlers, Mark Lewin and Abdullah the Butcher, wreak havoc within Georgia wrestling arenas. But their reign will be short-lived if Mr. Wrestling II has any say in the matter.)



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MR. WRESTLING II:

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GREAT MEPHISTO:

Guts? What do you know of guts? You shiver at the mere

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II: Cut the garbage, man.
GM: Scoff if you will, it's your demise we're discussing.
II: Not yet.
GM: Ah, so you admit it is inevitable.
II: What are you talking about?
GM: I am saying the day draws near when Mr. Wrestling II and similarly pathetic life-forms will be gone from wrestling.
II: And how's this gonna happen, I need the laugh.

GM: With a minimum of effort.
II: Be specific.
GM: Would you understand?
II: Try me, you're not the only one with brains in wrestling.
GM: Hah, you compare my wit and intellect with yours?
II: Nothing to compare.
GM: Exactly.
II: Gimme a break and speak English.
GM: Can you comprehend such language? I thought primitive peoples like your-

self understand a banging of rocks together and nothing more.

II: I understand how I whipped your wrestlers.

GM: Winning by cheating is not victory.

II: Look who's talking.

GM: Mark Lewin and Abdullah the Butcher never cheat. Our methods are merely misunderstood, that is all.

II: Using foreign objects is just being misunderstood, right?

GM: We have no obligation to respect the laws of moral and intellectual inferiors. I have access to, well, why bother mentioning it?

II: What?

GM: My powers.

II: What powers?

GM: My innate ability commune with spirits and forces

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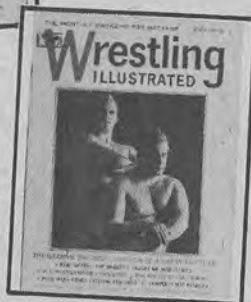
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DUSTY RHODES

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anything to tarnish that trust.

"I love my fans and I'd never jeopardize our relationship by acting weird or doin' brawlin'," said Rhodes.

Rhodes fails to appreciate that all men fall from grace at one time or another. No one is perfect, even the American Dream. Yet Rhodes persists in conducting himself according to a standard unattainable by anyone south of Mt. Olympus.

"I ain't like the other wrestlers," said Rhodes. "I don't care what others do. It only concerns me when they get into the ring. When I'm champion, I want to act like a champ and I want all the kids to look up to me and see how a man's supposed to act.

"So I put pressure on myself. That's life, man. I ain't complainin' to anyone. I chose this sport over others like baseball and football 'cause I loved it and accepted all the risks and disappointments. I have only one way to live and one style of wrestlin'. I ain't about to change now and disappoint any of my fans, and I ain't gonna let

anything shame me or the people who love me.

"When I first won the NWA belt from Harley Race, I was on cloud nine. Then it hit me about the awesome responsibility wrapped around my waist. I wouldn't go off shootin' my mouth all over town about how great I was. Hell, I was champion of the world and had commitments, responsibilities, people lookin' up to me and respectin' me 'cause I was champion.

"I hadda wrestle everyone who dared me. A champion doesn't shirk his duties, especially a champion named Dusty Rhodes. That's why I took on Race after that lunatic Terry Funk broke my wrist. Maybe another man mighta begged off, but that don't concern me. It's what Dusty Rhodes shoulda done that mattered and what people mighta thought of me if I'd backed down and asked for the match to be postponed.

"People know what I stand for

Rhodes did not have a firm grip on his figure-four leglock, and the champion managed to escape.



and that I've got the courage to step into situations where none dare venture. I got an image and reputation to maintain and people lovin' me who'll be real hurt if I ever do anything contrary.

"Lookit, I always wanted to be world champion. I think anyone in this sport who denies that's the ultimate goal is a big liar. I want the belt, but not just to parade around with it and show what a big man I am.



Though Rhodes once captured the NWA belt from Race, his reign was short-lived. Race applies a chinlock (above).

"I want the title 'cause I want people to be proud of me and I want them to know I love 'em as much as they love me. I couldn't ever go back into the ring if I ever did somethin' against that thinkin'. If I wrestle or act one small iota below what I should be doin', I might as well kick off the boots and pack it in."

There is little reason to think Rhodes will or could change. He is a vital, passionate, fiercely stubborn man with a firm, powerful self-image reinforced by fan adoration. At this stage of his career, it's unlikely he'd tamper with that self-image. Even if it brings him disaster. ☐

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Verne Gagne accidentally hits Nick Bockwinkel with a low blow during their title match in Chicago's Comiskey Park. Reader Michael Anderson charges Gagne with taking the title illegally.

ERRORS?

I am writing in response to Bill Apter's column "Names Makin' News," in the August issue.

In that column, you had a number of errors pertaining to the Mr. Florida-Super Destroyer incident. If you had checked the facts, you would have found Sir Oliver Humperdink had lit a victory cigar, as he always does for each of Super Destroyer's victories on television. Humperdink's back was turned when Mr. Florida reversed the hold and pinned Super Destroyer. Humperdink turned around and got on the apron. Florida hit Humperdink and the cigar flew into the air, where Destroyer picked it up and thrust it into Mr. Florida's eye.

Since you are on the committee to investigate the matter, you should get the facts straight. Humperdink should have a fair and impartial hearing by a review board and not be

tried by a national magazine.

I am sure this will not get printed because you don't want the truth.

MIKE CLARK
Tampa, FL

GAGNE CHEATED!

I was at Comiskey Park in Chicago and I have no doubt Verne Gagne cheated Nick Bockwinkel out of the AWA title. I saw Gagne choke and nearly kill Bockwinkel, causing Nick to spit up blood. And I saw Gagne deliver low blow after low blow while the referee looked the other way.

Is this the model of decency all fans have come to view Verne Gagne as? Or the actions of a desperate man fearful of never again being champion of the world and determined to do anything to stand in the sun one last time?

MICHAEL ANDERSON
Rockford, IL

RACE INFERIOR

The September issue's "One on One" column, in which WWF champion Bob Backlund and NWA champ Harley Race clashed, really got me angry. Who does "Old Man Harley" think he is! Anyone with any knowledge of wrestling knows Backlund could mop the floor with Race. And Race even had the guts to call Hulk Hogan and Ken Patera pansies. Everyone knows either Hogan or Patera could finish Race's career



NWA champion Harley Race would stand no chance against WWF champion Bob Backlund, in the opinion of Rich Pupi.

before the bell would even ring to start the match. Also, if Race is so great, why does he constantly put bounties on every decent wrestler in the NWA. If it wasn't for his self-disqualification tactic, Race would lose his prestigious NWA belt to any prelim bum! Maybe "Old Graybeard Race" would be a true champ for some minor league wrestling title, but not in the great NWA.

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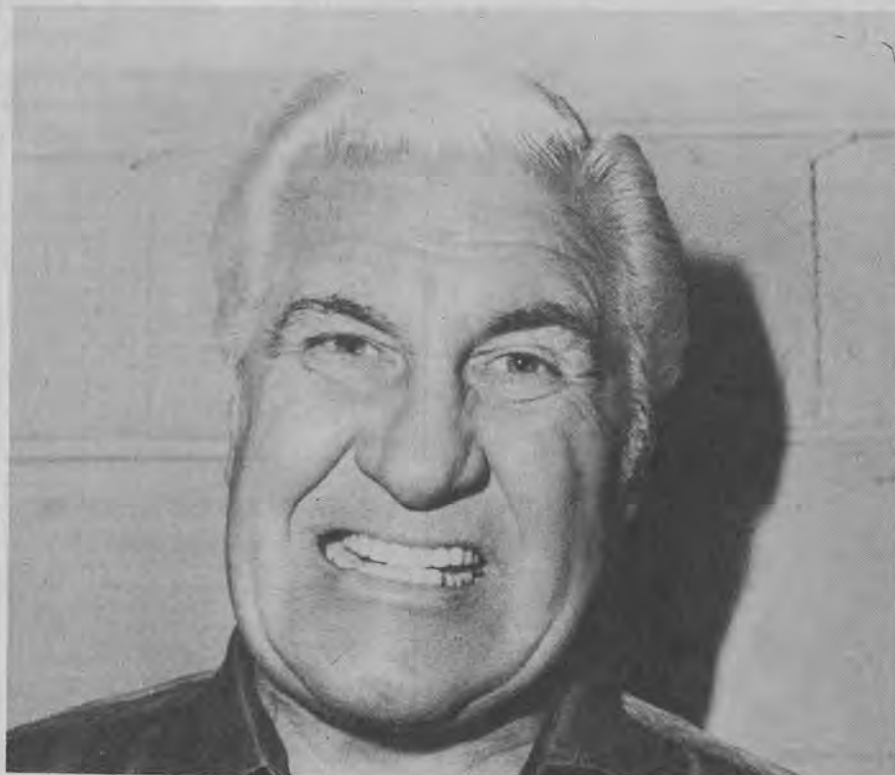


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A grinning Fred Blassie (above) denies there is any truth to the rumor that the Hangman used to sleep with the fishes. Buddy Roberts is not afraid of flying (below) and he is not afraid of being alone.

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FACT: It is true that Roberts prefers tag team competition to individual wrestling, but he is not scared to be alone.

"Fainted from my own shadow?" Roberts laughed. "I was probably shadow-boxing and the shadow knocked me out. That's all."

RUMOR: The Hangman, Fred Blassie's latest discovery who is tearing up the WWF, originates from the depths of the Pacific Ocean and grew up next to sea turtles, starfish, and killer whales.

FACT: "The depths of the ocean? That's ridiculous," answered Blassie. "No living creature could rise from the Pacific Ocean and become a professional wrestler."

So where is the Hangman from, Freddie?

"I can't really say," said Blassie. "If you want, I'll go ask him. He's taking a dip in my fishbowl. Ha ha ha ha ha."

INJURY REPORT

ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER, for no apparent reason, attacked INSIDE WRESTLING photographer and managing editor BILL APTER during a recent match in Atlanta. Ringside observers report that the unpredictable Butcher kicked Apter, punched him to the floor, and broke his camera. "My face turned purple," said Apter. "I'm okay, but I'll never take another picture of that maniac."



A bloody Abdullah the Butcher is led away from ringside where he attacked INSIDE WRESTLING'S Bill Apter.

Florida TV champion BARRY WINDHAM suffered an injured neck when rulebreaker DON MURACO applied the Asiatic Hammer during a recent match. The Asiatic Hammer is a variation of the deadly piledriver, an illegal maneuver in the state of Florida. The injury will not sideline Windham for too long.

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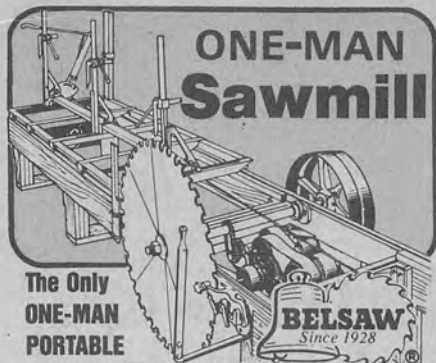
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THE ASSASSINS

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Zbyszko vs. Putski

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Zbyszko knees Putski out of the ring (above left and above). Larry's chokehold is obscured from the referee's view (left).

In a recent match, Putski and Zbyszko confronted each other. From the outset, Zbyszko hurled taunts at Putski.

"I'm not afraid of any man. I told him what I thought. I think he's a kielbasi-brain and he knows it. And any fan with half a mind knows Putski can't wrestle, is a moral weakling, and should be put out of the sport or put to sleep."

With his volatile temper, Putski finds it difficult to turn the other cheek when insulted.

"I take that from no man, hear? Even a Zbyszko, who I don't consider a man but a flea. No one insults Ivan Putski. What makes this actually hurt me, pain me a little, because it is a fellow Pole who says such terrible things.

"You can take abuse from anyone, to a degree. But when one of your own blasts off and makes a fool of himself and your people, that is the line you cannot allow. You must fight back.

"Poles have always triumphed through their will and their greatness," said Zbyszko. "A real Polish star doesn't need whimpering nitwits to aid him in his course of action. You think I really need people who won't take the time to understand me? Why should I? If someone won't bother understanding why I am the way I am, why should I give them the benefit of my wisdom or attention?"

"No, someone like Ivan Putski fails as a Pole, as a wrestler, and as a human being. If General Pulaski were alive today, he'd be turning over in his grave."

"I do not fight Zbyszko merely because I hate what he did to Bruno Sammartino and his fans. I hate him because he shames my people. Others think all Poles act that way. It is not true. Only by defending my people's honor and by smashing Zbyszko and eventually driving him from wrestling can I ever restore the dignity my people deserve."

Zbyszko simply chuckles.



Standing between the ropes, Ivan traps Larry in a bearhug. The ref quickly made him release the hold.

"Putski is the disgrace. Do Poles like cowards? No, I don't. Putski runs from a fair fight and enlists allies, cheap, disgusting men like Pat Patterson, to do his dirty work. I'm not afraid of Putski. I am proud to be Polish, and Putski's the one disgracing our people."

In the end, fans must make the decision and select the man they feel best represents Polish wrestling. Is it Ivan Putski, defender of his Polish Power? Or Larry Zbyszko, much-maligned and misunderstood? □

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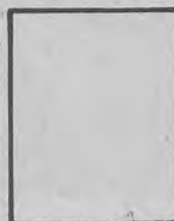
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words (clearly audible) to his manager. "Just get me the hell out of this place. I'm not ready to wrestle and I want to go home."

Of course, it was far too late to back out of the match. All he could do at that point was go into the ring and do his best. But it is inconceivable to me that a champion can go into a match with such a negative attitude and have any hope of retaining his title. Especially against one of the greatest wrestlers ever to step into a ring.



Verne Gagne talks to the press moments after regaining the AWA championship from Nick Bockwinkel.

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"It was clearly evident to me that something was troubling Bockwinkel," Gagne said. "I knew it from the moment he walked into the ring. But on this night, I don't think it would have made a difference if Bockwinkel was wrestling at his best or not

because I was going to be better. I was really up for the match. Since he defeated me for the title in 1975, he's done nothing but disgrace the championship and the sport of professional wrestling. Too many times I've seen him win matches by using foul tactics. Too many times have I seen him purposely get disqualified so he could hold onto the belt."

Strangely, Bockwinkel did not use his self-disqualification tactic to keep the belt. Maybe he was too battered to even think straight. Gagne controlled three-quarters of the match. Five times, he threw the dazed Bockwinkel onto the Comiskey infield. At 22:06 Gagne clamped on his famed sleeperhold to capture the title.

It took the sleeper to wake Bockwinkel to the reality of the situation. When he recovered fully in the dressing room and clearly saw that the belt was not by his side, he snapped out of his day-long depression and, through Heenan, filed an official protest with the AWA. "No man alive can apply the sleeperhold on Nick Bockwinkel," Heenan told a gathering of reporters. "The man is the finest defensive wrestler in the world and knows at least 10 escapes for a legal sleeperhold. No, gentlemen and ladies, that was a chokehold, the same chokehold that has brought Gagne his greatness, the same chokehold he's been getting away with for years. Did you see my man spit up blood when he was going under? I can get you a hundred doctors to swear that it was a choke."

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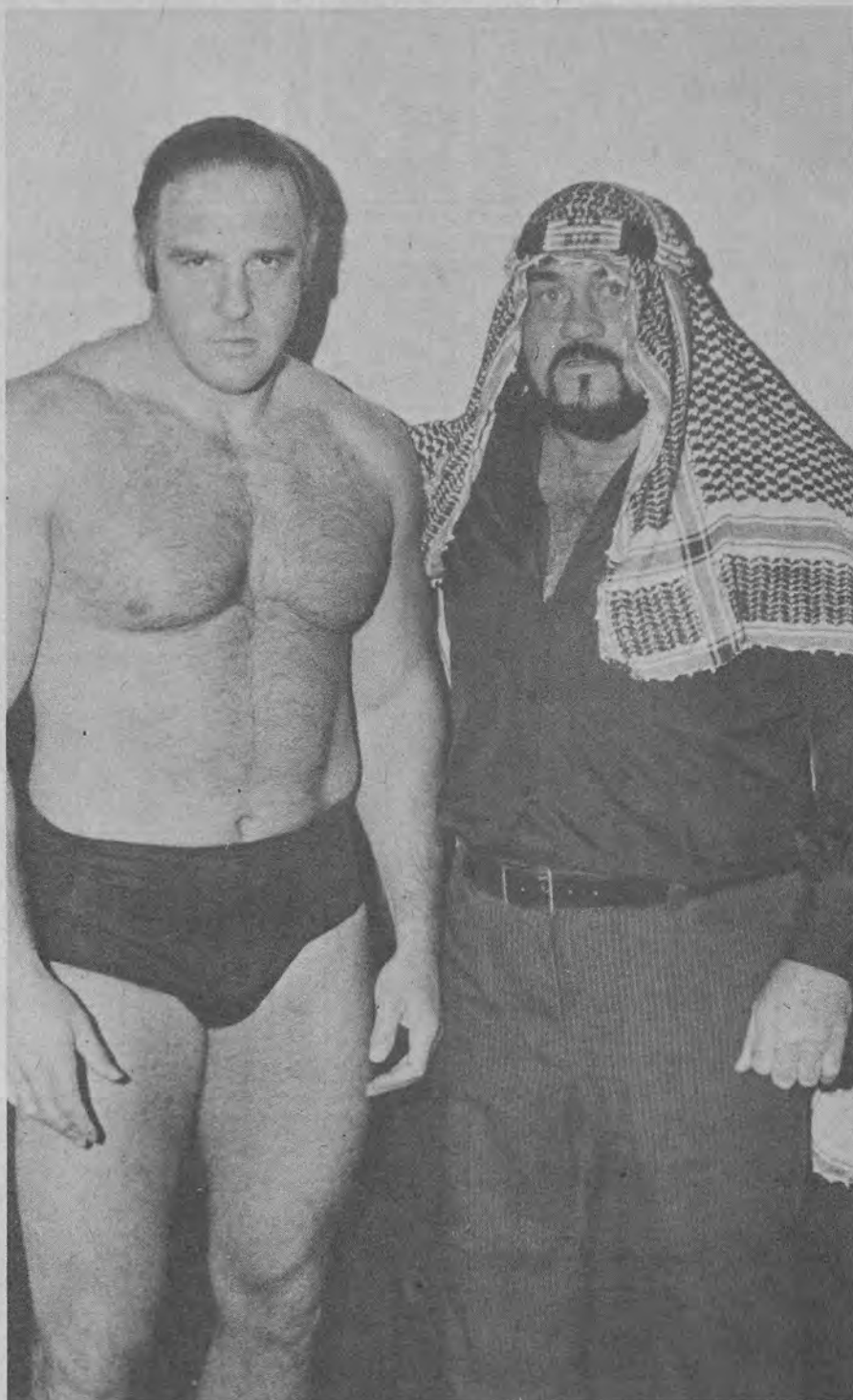
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ON THE ROAD

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"Uh-huh."

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Both Buggy and I were subdued as we left the warehouse and hitched back to town. He muttered Humberdink would be stopped. Suddenly I wasn't so sure. ☐

BODYSLAM & PINFALLS

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vile act of cowardice. There is no room in professional sports for this kind of thug mentality.

Far worse is the fans' approval of this. The fans at the television taping couldn't be happier with the bat-wielding goons. The applause would have made a maggot gag. I've always known most wrestling fans are stupid, but now they're dangerously stupid.

Unhappily, we've only seen the beginning. Wrestling's punks, men like Sullivan and Hansen, will continue to bring deadly

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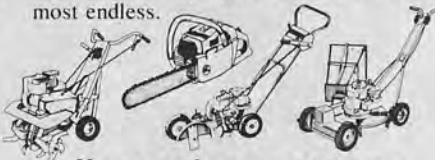
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